



The Voice IN THE Wilderness



"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

Mark 1:3

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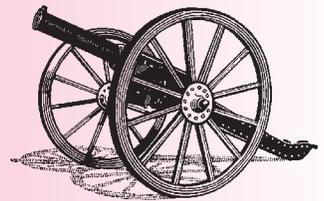
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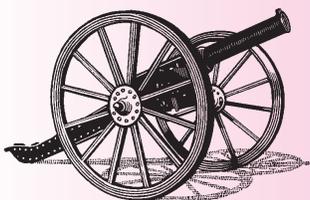


'Tis recorded for all the ages,
Written down upon His Holy pages,
No greater love hath a mortal man,
Than to lay down his life for his God and a friend.

The call to duty with a cost so high,
Signed in blood and then to die,
"Your order sir, Yes sir, I will,"
Though self and fear would try to steal.



With flag unfurled and drummer drums,
Then bugle charge the enemy comes,
The battles fury and life's a rush,
Till all lay silent and the war's a hush.



Now is recorded for all the ages,
Writ in blood on holy pages,
With great love by mortal man,
Life laid down for cause and friend.



-RLW



MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

Wash your face each morning in a bath of praise. Mr. Spurgeon knew that daily God loadeth us with benefits. Can we ever thank our Saviour enough for His many blessings? Even the trials and yea the rod are the Creator's instrument upon our life's canvas to reveal His image in us. Thank God He is mindful of us.

After ten years with The Voice in the Wilderness, I am ever thankful for the opportunities my Lord has given this poor preacher. Having just returned from Venezuela and preaching to some of the choicest saints, it is my privilege to glean from an abundant harvest of blessing.

When Bro. Royce asked me to come work for The Voice in the Wilderness there was certain hesitation on my part. Initially I told Bro. Royce I was satisfied with my present ministry and had

no plans to change. He asked me to pray about coming. Bro. Royce believed it was God's will for me to carry The Voice in the Wilderness forward when he was no longer able to do so. Both of us agreed to spend time praying about this important decision. After almost a year of doing just that, the Lord gave me peace about joining The Voice in the Wilderness ministry.

Now, I had come to terms with several initial thoughts that created reluctance on my part to make such a move. One was the fact that Bro. Royce had never been married with the responsibilities as a husband and dad. In my mind, as a husband and dad, it might be difficult for him to understand some of the commitments and responsibilities that I had. Then, paramount in my mind, was the fact that he was the founder, and for all intents and purposes, was the only individual in this ministry at that time that he was accountable to. For thirty years

a dear friend of Bro. Royce's had served gratis as his secretary. She certainly was an invaluable help to Bro. Royce since he spent a great deal of time traveling and away from the office. Along with several other considerations, I knew it would be a challenge for my family and I to become a part of The Voice in the Wilderness ministry.

We made the move in October 1996. From Montana to Dallas, is a story within itself. However, I would like to pick up where the first real battle came to bare. In the midst of getting our household settled, and after only one month, I became quite ill, losing over 25 pounds. My knees and ankles became so swollen, it was painful to even bend them. For a couple of weeks I ran a fever and the doctors could not determine what the problem was. Blood work, x-rays, and other tests revealed swollen

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IS GOD'S WORK IN YOUR WILL?

A bequest in your Will to Voice in the Wilderness can assure that the outreach of this ministry at home and abroad will continue after you have gone to your eternal reward. Prayerfully consider us in your Estate Planning.

Thank you!

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By this editor

Many years ago I heard Bro. Lester Roloff and a quartet of young men from the boys home sing a song that went something like this: "...it's a fight and not a recreation room; it's a battle and not a game. So run if you want to, run if you will, but I came here to stay."

Well, Jesus said, "the gates of Hell would not prevail" against His Church, and thank God we are more than conquerors. But one thing is certain – the fight has been brought to our doorstep.

Dr. David Gibbs of *CLA* wrote in his newsletter – "In the past two months, two states have banned private citizens from praying in Jesus' name in the state legislatures, and other government units are sure to follow.

"Unbelievably, prayers to other gods, such as to 'Allah,' have not been challenged! Anti-Christian activists are using the courts to turn religious liberty on its head by claiming that

only prayer in Jesus' name violates the Constitution's alleged 'separation of church and state.' At least one federal court has agreed and has ordered the state legislature to ban such prayers. This is governmental interference in religious liberty at its worst!

"Public prayers offered in Jesus' name have been commonplace for 400 plus years. Christians have always promoted the protection of each man's religious liberty to pray as his own faith dictates.

"Our staff attorneys have successfully defeated such efforts before. Several years ago, our attorneys worked with another state legislature to resolve a challenge to that state's legislative prayer policy before a lawsuit was ever filed. Our attorneys are now in the process of filing a legal brief with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the Indiana legislature's right to open its legislative sessions with prayer in Jesus' name.

"I believe these challenges to the name of Christ are symptomatic of a larger effort in America to silence Christians and mute the Gospel message."

There are issues in America that I never thought would be given the time of day in my life span. Yet, here we are. You reap what you sow and without doubt, a bad crop is coming in. So go ahead and hide your head in the sand. But if you believe the Holy Word of God as your sole authority for faith and practice, and you hold high the standard for living your faith, then you are now public enemy #1 to the world and a legalists to many in the "religious" community. By

"religious" I am specifically referring to many in churches across America that espouse *modernistic trends*, *Purpose driven*, *praise and blended worship*, come as you are – leave as you were accommodation in the name of love and unity contemporary church growth movement. Their Bible is a plethora of new versions – some subtle, while others blatantly, premeditative, changing words and verses. Doctrine is no issue. There is an agenda, but few see it - *The Passion* and churches buy out entire theaters – *The End of the Spear* with a sodomite, Hollywood star, and a fictional *Da Vinci Code*. What in the world is going on? Preachers and Christians who sound the warning, who contend for the faith are labeled unloving legalists. It is indeed sad to watch as friends and family are sucked into this predicted end-time compromise.

By the way, those who preach this love and unity, purpose-driven, end justifies the means philosophy have a rather strange antagonism and animosity toward those who hold traditional biblical values. With all this love, worship, and praise comes a rather mean hostility for the old fashion thinking such as *traditional* church services, with hymn books, conservative music, modest dress, altar calls, and KJV Bibles. This new wave of church growth leaders can wag a sharp tongue at those who emphasize separation, Bible Doctrine and maintenance of the fundamental landmarks of faith. Aye, no love and tolerance for the old-time religion.

In the midst of the new church with love and unity is the obvious look and sound of the world. Divorce and remarriage is common place, along

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KJV – King Jesus Bible

At one point our local “Christian Bookstore” had a very limited inventory of KJV Bibles. Now that same bookstore has an entire section of Catholic books and materials along with display after display of publications that are without question unbiblical. Regularly The Voice in the Wilderness office receives letters from those grieved by their churches and pastors turning away from the KJV to some modern version. M.H. Reynolds and D.W. Costella of the Fundamental Evangelistic Association wrote the following warning about Modern Bible Versions:

“In II Cor. 2:17, the Spirit of God warned against the *many which corrupt the word of God*. Therefore, it is not surprising in studying church history to discover that such attempts to corrupt the Word of God were clearly evident in the altered, polluted and revised manuscripts purporting to be the Word of God that have existed through the centuries.... In the latter part of the 19th Century, Satan and his angels of light set out to destroy the Church by undermining its foundation, the Bible. Charles Darwin’s *Origin of the Species* was blindly accepted as *new light on an old problem* by the scholarship of that day which had become largely obsessed with rationalism and humanism. Theories and methods of *higher criticism* and *textual criticism* were developed and couched in such scholarly language that most people failed to recognize that these were actually attacks upon the Word of God.... The rush toward new versions was on and though the early progress was slow, we are seeing the results

today. Three important issues must be understood and addressed when discussing the translation of the Bible from one language to another: first, the reliability of the document being translated; second, the knowledge and skill of the translators and third, the philosophy of translation (formal or dynamic equivalence). On all counts, the King James Bible still stands supreme. In 1881, influenced by and sympathetic to the Darwinian theory of evolution, two men, Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton J.A. Hort brought forth a different version of the Greek New Testament – one which differed from the *Textus Receptus* (the underlying Greek text of the KJV) in over 5,700 places. The Westcott-Hort Greek Text was later to become the basis for the English Revised Version and the American Standard Version. It gave great weight to two corrupted manuscripts – the Vaticanus (Codex B) which was found in the Vatican Library in 1481 and was known to the KJV translators but was not used by them, and the Sinaiticus (Codex Aleph) which was found in a monastery wastebasket at the foot of Mt. Sinai in 1844. The Vaticanus and Sinaiticus appear to have been copied from the same source in the 4th Century and held great weight with Westcott and Hort due to their antiquity. Tischendorf, who discovered the Sinaiticus manuscript, noted at least 12,000 changes that had been made on this manuscript by others than the original copyist. It is difficult to understand why such documents as these could lead one to ignore the simple fact that the Greek text

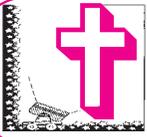
underlying the King James Version, the *Textus Receptus*, agreed with 90-95% of all known Scripture-related manuscripts, numbering over five thousand.

“The first full-scale frontal attack on the Word of God came with the publication of the ERV in 1885, and its counterpart, the ASV in 1901. Only a few voices of protest were raised. Most staunch defenders of the faith of that day were apparently unaware that the ASV differed from the KJV in over 36,000 places or that the Greek text underlying the translation of the ASV (the Westcott-Hort Text) differed from the *Textus Receptus* (underlying the KJV) in over 5,700 instances....

“Some of God’s people woke up with a start when the Revised Standard Version was published in 1952. This version, supposedly a revision of the ASV of 1901, eliminated the word *virgin* in the prophecy of Christ’s birth in Isaiah 7:14. It was also copyrighted by the apostate National Council of Churches....It remained for the Good News Bible to remove it in both the Old and New Testaments....

“When the first edition of Good News for Modern Man (The Testament in Today’s English) was published in 1966, and the word *virgin* appeared in all the texts in Matthew and Luke referring to the birth of Christ. But, when the second and third editions were published and then the entire Good News Bible was published in 1976, the word *virgin*

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT



I believe someone has missed the Lord's will and a special blessing. This is Pastor and Mrs. Estelvio Garcia from Venezuela. They are two of the most precious servants of the Lord you will ever meet. Many of our readers are starving for a loving, compassionate Pastor like Bro. Estelvio. Some months ago I asked for someone to please help purchase a bus for their wonderful congregation or even a car for Bro. and Sister Garcia. For years they have walked, ridden buses and taxis being robbed and almost killed trying to get around to do the Lord's work. You could never imagine the sacrifice and dangers endured by this couple to pastor our Lord's flock in Venezuela. Surely there is someone who could give 5 to \$6,000 to help these people serve more effectively and safely with a bus or car. Please, will someone help?

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

The Liberty Bell got its name from being rung this day, July 8, 1776, to call the citizens of Philadelphia together to hear the Declaration of Independence read out loud for the first time. Made in England, the massive bell, weighing over 2000 pounds, was rung on each successive anniversary, until 1835, when it cracked on July 8th while tolling at the funeral of the famous Supreme Court Justice John Marshall.

Inscribed on the Liberty Bell is a verse from Old Testament Book of Leviticus, Chapter 25: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

At the 150th anniversary of the Declaration, 1926, President Calvin Coolidge stated: "People at home and abroad consider Independence Hall as hallowed ground and revere the Liberty Bell as a sacred relic. That pile of bricks and mortar, that mass of metal, might appear as only the outgrown meeting place and the shattered bell...but to those who know, they have become consecrated. They are the framework of a spiritual event. The world looks upon them because of their associations of one hundred and fifty years ago, as it looks upon the Holy Land because of what took place there nineteen hundred years ago."

Alexis de Tocqueville was born on July 29, 1805. In his work, *Democracy in America* he wrote: "In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country...Religion in America...must be regarded as the foremost of the political institutions of that country; for if it does not impart a taste for freedom, it facilitates the use of it...there is no country in the whole world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America, and there can be no greater proof of its utility...than that its influence is powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth..."

The famous Monkey Trial ended July 21, 1925. John Scopes, a High School biology teacher in Tennessee was fined for teaching a theory of origins called evolution. Williams Jennings Bryan was prosecuting attorney arguing against evolution. Bryan objected to a tooth being presented as proof of humans evolving from apes. Later the tooth was admitted to be that of a pig. Bryan died five days after the trials. He once stated: "I am interested in the science of government, but I am more interested in religion...and I shall be in the church even after I am out of politics."

NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE

IRAN – Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has a habit of making extraordinarily provocative statements, especially concerning Israel and the Holocaust. He wishes for the former to be wiped from the map and denies that the latter took place.

Unlike Saddam, Iranian leaders have never actually used weapons of mass destruction. But like Saddam they have wholeheartedly embraced terror as a weapon of foreign policy, and their passion for the destruction of Israel exceeds even that which motivated the deposed Iraqi dictator.

As Iran approaches the nuclear threshold, the stakes for the world could not be higher, or the momentousness of the decision President Bush must make larger. *Hugh Hewitt, World, 4/2006*

GERMS EVERYWHERE-

Charles Gerba, a microbiologist with the University of Arizona, recently did a study on germs. According to him, the most common virus (cold, flu, diarrhea) are passed from either air you breathe or surfaces you touch. Places that people believe are to be extremely germ infested, such as doorknobs, water fountains, or elevator buttons, are not as prone to germs as computer keyboards, telephones, or office desks. But the most interesting place that he found germs was in clean laundry. Mr. Gerba attributes this to the fact that

most people no longer wash with the hot cycle. For viruses and bacteria to be destroyed in the wash, the water temperature needs to be 140 degrees F. or higher. Professor Gerba says that hepatitis A, rotavirus, and Salmonella can survive the average 28-minute drying cycle. The best way to prevent getting one of these diseases is to use common sense. *www.irnnews.com 5/3/06*

DWI'S AND ILLEGALS-

The state of North Carolina is having trouble with the Hispanic community and alcohol. The state is made up of about 7% Hispanics; but the 7% makes up nearly 17% of DWI arrests. "We've known for some time that the Hispanic population is overrepresented in DWI arrests and DWI collisions," said North Carolina Highway Patrol Lt. Everett Clendenin. Defense attorney Ricardo Velasquez said, "I definitely don't want the police targeting me based upon how I look, and I don't want them targeting me because I came out of a certain store or nightclub." Mr. Velasquez said that the numbers for Hispanic arrest is so high because the Highway Patrol racially profiles. *www.wral.com 5/3/06*

RECENT POLL OF MARRIAGE

– Thirty-five percent of those ages 40-64 believe marriage is *very important* if a couple have a child together; 58% of adults 65 and older say so. Of those ages 18-39,

30% believe it is *very important*. Overall, 37% respondents believe a child is a *very important* reason to marry.....

By the time you receive this issue, the Senate will be debating a constitutional amendment that defines marriage in the United States as the union of a man and woman. In his weekly radio address President Bush stated, "Marriage is the most enduring and important human institution, honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith. Ages of experience have taught us that the commitment of a husband and a wife to love and to serve one another promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society... Unfortunately, activist judges and some local officials have made an aggressive attempt to redefine marriage in recent years.... A constitutional amendment will put a decision that is critical to American families and American society in the hands of the American people, which is exactly where it belongs. Democracy, not court orders, should decide the future of marriage in America." [The founders and framers of our constitution understood that the Word of God defined marriage.]

FACT OR MYTH - The Constitution is a living document.

Myth – The Constitution is a "living document" whose meaning changes

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over time.

Fact – The Constitution was written to be “the supreme Law of the Land.” The Constitution is a constant, unchanging document written for the Ages.

Does ‘living’ make the Constitution ‘dead?’

Myth – A ‘living Constitution,’ means that the nation’s founding document means nothing more than what each new generation would prefer it to mean. It is an infinitely pliable text that has no authoritative voice, but only the voice that we attribute to it. It is already dead, left to be updated as others see fit.

Fact – The Constitution is *alive* in the sense that it remains relevant to today’s political and legal discussions. Many important changes have occurred since the Founding. Future changes should be within the context of the Constitution, not outside it. Myheritage.org/5/31/06



WHAT OTHER INSTITUTION CAN FAIL ONE-THIRD OF THE TIME AND SURVIVE?

– In *World* 4/2006, Joel Belz wrote the following: “*Time* reported...that only two out of every three young people who enter America’s high schools complete enough of their work to graduate.

“*Time* uses words like *astonishing* and *corrupting* to describe the scandal—and in this case *WORLD* agrees with *Time*.

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“On the other hand, some very alert *WORLD* readers may sense an opportunity to call my bluff: If the public schools of America are as bad as *WORLD* regularly makes them out to be, why would we consider it a tragedy if a third of those schools’ students drop out every four years? Isn’t the nation conceivably better off as a result of such a phenomenon? It’s a point worth considering.

“America’s public schools have come to be for the education of our society’s children what the United Nations is to peace among the nations of the world. Both are noble ideas, occasionally driven by good-minded people—but hopelessly mired in secularist ideology and maladministered by bureaucrats of the most unreformed character.

“...We’ve angered even some of our own loyal readers with what they think is too great a fixation on the subject.

“No private school, of course, could sustain such a record. If it failed a third of its students every four years, it would be deserted by its clientele—and should be.

“In fact, the educational crisis described by *time*’s editors represents an intellectual, emotional, and spiritual raping of our nation’s young that will last the entire lifetimes of the boys and girls who have been so shortchanged.

“If the educational crisis can be compared in magnitude to Hurricane Katrina or 9/11, this one isn’t going away; it is only getting worse. Enron executives are in court right now; other perpetrators of corporate dishonesty know their day is coming. Masterminds of terror are on trial in Baghdad and Alexandria, Va. Somehow, though, the big headquarters of the national Education Association in Washington

stay sacrosanct.

“So yes, we’re covering this story again. Thanks, *Time* magazine, for adding to our credibility by confirming what we’ve been saying. And because the stakes are so high, we’ll probably talk about it again. Shaping the hearts of the next generation is far and away the most important assignment any society ever gets.”

IMMIGRATION – The demonstrations followed a weekend



of rallies in 10 states that drew up to 500,000 people in Dallas, 50,000 in Atlanta, and even 3,000 people in the farming town of Garden City, Kansas, with fewer than 30,000 residents...

Border watchdogs

like the Minutemen called the protests “ridiculous.” Peter Lanteri, director of New York’s chapter of the Minutemen said, “Illegal is illegal, and they break our laws to come here... We want the illegal immigration stopped and the borders secured.” *World*, 4/2006

BUILD THE FENCE – Unlimited amnesty for illegal aliens under a complex “guest worker” plan masks the true intention of massively increasing immigration numbers. While Congress endlessly debates authorizing a security fence between Mexico and the U.S., President Bush scolds Americans concerned about the need for security first. Americans who understand the urgency of the border crisis are

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RELIGIOUS NEWS AND COMMENTS

DUH VINCI CODE – With historical errors, religious errors, art errors, let alone the direct attacks on the Bible, the church, and Jesus, Dan Brown’s fictional work is of the Devil. Brown makes claims that “all descriptions of artwork, architecture, documents, and secret rituals in this novel are accurate.” Satan is “a liar, and the father of it.” (See John 8:44)

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty” II Peter 1:16.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES – The stage is being set in our generation for the fulfillment of the end-time prophecies. *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.*

Unless you’ve been out of touch with civilization recently, one word here should catch your attention immediately – pestilence. In the Greek NT it means a catastrophic plague or disease – one that causes widespread death.

There were many plagues in ancient times, including the famous Plague of Athens (430-428 B.C.) that struck Athens and Sparta during the Peloponnesian War, wiped out multitudes, and actually helped to bring Greece’s Golden Age to an

end. Perhaps the most famous of all plagues—at least so far—is the Bubonic Plague, also known as the Black Death, that broke out in the 15th century. It started in China and spread to western Asia and Europe. Within five years, the Black Death had wiped out one-third of the population of Europe, or roughly 25 million people.

Now medical authorities are warning us that we face a present danger. Even now, millions around the world are perishing in the horrible AIDS epidemic. But could AIDS—as sad and tragic as it is—be merely a precursor of an even more devastating plague that is yet in the future?

The world is “smaller” today than ever before. With destinations worldwide accessible in a matter of hours by air, a plague could spread quickly before being detected. (Remember that the Black Death spread from China to Europe via the trade routes of that day.)

Another consideration is the rise of militant Islamic terrorist states like Iran, which have access to the resources and technology needed to develop and unleash biological weapons on the rest of the world—and in fact, believe they have a divine mandate for doing so. Yet another contributing factor is the emergence of viral strains that have the ability to mutate so they are resistant to drugs. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), for instance, has expressed this concern

about a possible avian flue (bird flu) pandemic. Experts say that by the time a treatment is developed, a virus could mutate into new, drug-resistant strains. Here in the U.S., this would render the government’s emergency plan to stockpile vaccines for 20 million people obsolete overnight. (See the White House’s plan at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/homeland/pandemic-influenza-implementation.html>.)

Our Lord said that conditions during the Tribulation Period would become so intense, “men’s hearts [would be] failing them for fear” (Luke 21:26). He explained that plagues and lethal diseases would increase in frequency and intensity in a way never before witnessed on Planet Earth. And in spite of all the wonderful advances in modern medical science, the stage is being set in our generation for the fulfillment of these prophecies.

It looks like God’s prophetic plan is right on schedule. We don’t know precisely when the Lord will return; however, all indications are that the long wait is almost over. It’s not time to panic—it’s time to push forward, bringing the Good News of salvation “to the Jew first, and also the [Gentile]” (Rom. 1:16). In practical terms, we can be confident that God takes care of His people. During the Middle Ages, for instance, when the Bubonic Plague was devastating so much of the

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known world, Jewish communities were virtually untouched because they followed the Old Testament dietary and purity laws. (Sadly, this prompted anti-Semites to accuse the Jewish people of actually causing the plague!)

Nothing can touch us without His divine permission. The Apostle Paul declared, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7). May we be found faithfully watching, working, and waiting. *CJF Ministries Newsletter May 2006*



DR. HENRY MORRIS 1918-2006 - It was my privilege to hear Dr. Henry Morris in person. What a blessing that was. The Ph.D. hydrologist co-authored a wonderful

book titled, *The Genesis Flood*. Many refer to Dr. Morris as the "father" of the modern creationist movement. At age 87, Henry Morris graduated to a well deserved reward.

IS FAITH A RISK? –

- Failing to step out in faith is to risk missing real life.
 - To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.
 - To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
 - To reach out for another is to risk involvement.
 - To place our ideas, our dreams, before a crowd is to risk their loss.
 - To love is to risk not being loved in return.
 - To live is to risk dying.
 - To hope is to risk despair.
 - To try is to risk failure.
- unknown 5/2006

Risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel,

change, grow, love...live. Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave; he has forfeited freedom. What a privilege for us to be able to walk by faith in God Himself, armed with all the promises of His Word. I suppose we all desire the security of the solid tree trunk, but the fruit is out on the limb. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. The timid soul asks, "What do I stand to lose if I do it?" The fruit-bearing Christian asks, "What do I stand to lose if I don't do it?" [The truth is, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is no risk, but no faith in Christ is eternal peril to one's soul.]



Nuggets of Gold

1. You can't have rosy thoughts about the future when your mind is full of the blues about the past.
2. Sign on a church bulletin board in Wisconsin: "For God so loved the world that He didn't send a committee."
3. A person going nowhere can be sure of reaching his destination.
4. True happiness may be sought, thought, or caught – but never bought.
5. The reason history repeats itself is that most people weren't listening the first time.
6. It's better to know nothing than to know what isn't so.
7. Many public speakers can talk for hours without any notes – or knowledge.
8. The most dangerous lies are ones that resemble the truth.
9. If we all profited by our mistakes, millionaires would be commonplace.
10. Americans are endowed with certain inalienable rights, but if we don't stick up for them somebody will come along and un-endow them.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Received by The Voice in the Wilderness

In Memory of LOUISE HANCE
Given by Rufus Hance and Sons

In Memory of FRANK W. BEANEY
Given by: Mrs. W. Ferne Beaney, wife

We would like to express our thanks to those who have given a memorial gift to The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc. Ministry. These names will be added to a plaque and displayed in our office. If you would like to honor a loved one, please send a Remembrance Memorial Gift or a Living Memorial Gift with the person's name (legibly printed). Your gift will be listed in an upcoming issue of this publication.

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My Personal Message

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lymph nodes. Then came CT scans, MRIs, and on the list goes with thousands of dollars of medical tests. As a result of our recent move and change of insurance coverage, all of this entailed considerable expense “out of pocket.” Just to take a moment, I would like to thank the Lord for His provision. My previous ministry had provided for my family substantially, which enabled me to meet this “out of pocket” need, as well as, contribute to The Voice in the Wilderness for our moving expenses. Again, this was an important part of the decision, seeing that my family took a 50% reduction in income to join The Voice in the Wilderness. But thankfully, my Lord knew this need ahead of time, and had already provided financially through my previous ministry.

The shocking phone call came with the dreaded word “cancer.” At one point, a doctor even found spots on my liver. This was of great concern to my doctor, as a result of the weight loss, fever, and swollen joints. So you can just imagine what was going through our minds at this point. We deeply appreciated the visits and prayers from our newly found local church pastor and family in the Dallas area. They were a real support during this time. There was literally an army of prayer warriors across the country holding us up before the Lord. Along with the sickness itself, and the financial concerns, came the doubts through second guessing. Had I made the right decision? Maybe I should have stayed with my previous ministry. Was this an indication from the Lord I had stepped out of His will by coming to The Voice
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in the Wilderness? This agonizing period went on approximately four months. I must omit the fine details, but my oncologists agreed for me to go to India the end of February 1997. This was my first time on such a trip. For 17 days, Bro. Royce and I traveled and preached throughout India. Keep in mind at this point I was 26 pounds underweight and very weak. It was a grueling schedule under the best of conditions. Just a little footnote here: The next year when I again traveled to India for the second time, Dr. A.W. Jacob (director of our India Orphanage) told me I looked a whole lot better than the first time he met me. He stated that last year when I saw you, “You looked terrible.” We got a chuckle out of his comment.

This period of intense trial ended in April 1997. How? The doctors gave me a resounding clean bill of health and all I can do is give my Lord the praise for His healing and grace. It was such a blessing also to have friends across the country who were so supportive during this time. Our local church was a great encouragement. And I can not personally begin to tell you about the strength and faith of my precious wife and daughter. The Lord indeed gave them to me.

One most important point that must be emphasized here is this – During the period of sickness, when the real soul searching came to pass, the Lord gave me again great peace about His will for our family and The Voice in the Wilderness. His confirmation concerning my ministry with The Voice in the Wilderness was made as clear as a telegram or phone call from Heaven. From that time till this, I

have been assured that it was God’s leading for Ronnie Williamson to step into this position.

From the start, there have been many challenges. I’ll never forget the lady who said to me, “You sure are not a Bro. Royce.” Then, there were those who apparently thought God would judge me for assuming the *limelight*. No *limelight* sought; and obviously, those are not the kind of things you want to hear, especially in time of deep trial. But again, our peace came from the Lord and He confirmed his will in our hearts.

It’s now been ten years since my family and I joined The Voice in the Wilderness. Yes, there have been both deep valleys and victorious mountain tops. Through it all, our Lord has been faithful. We give Him the praise and glory for the great things He has done, and is doing, through The Voice in the Wilderness. It is simply our privilege to be involved in God’s will and work. Your prayers, partnership, and support are deeply appreciated. Thank you for standing with The Voice in the Wilderness for these many years, and especially, for becoming our friends over the past ten years. God bless you all!

For Christ and Souls,
Bro. Ronnie – Isa. 40:31
Happy Trails



P.S. I have washed my face this morning in a bath of praise for my Saviour and Lord’s grace and goodness to The Voice in the Wilderness family. May God Bless you all!

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with the toleration, yea, acceptance of lifestyles that once only a very few years ago were recognized by that very church as taboo and condemned by Scripture. Bible versions galore that water down and even do away with core teaching are embraced. Associations once shunned are now wholeheartedly shared.

Now the questions – Who has moved? Who has compromised? Are there not absolutes that cannot change regardless of culture, times, fad or fashion?

Without a doubt the home, marriage, church, and government are under attack. *If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do.* It is a subtle, gradual downward spiral gaining such momentum that to bring the juggernaut to a stop will tear up a lot of things. Can we survive?

Four things in any land must dwell,

If it endures and prospers will:

One is manhood true and good;

One is noble womanhood;

One is child life, clean and bright;

And one an altar kept alight.

--Author Unknown

Together we must stand up and fight to hold this sacred ground! To stand down is to pay a cost far too great.

A glaring example is a flickering moment of light for Friedrich Nietzsche. Remember his words, *God is Dead.* Nietzsche's last 11 years on this earth were spent in an insane asylum. The only remaining ethic in a godless universe, he said, is the *will to power.* Earlier, Nietzsche said, *Show me that you are redeemed, and I will believe in your redeemer.* Was there no one in Nietzsche's life to present the indisputable evidence of a living Christ and so great salvation? My, oh my, how history

might have changed if a young Friedrich Nietzsche (and others) had received the transforming power of Jesus Christ. For it was Castro, Hitler, Lenin, Mao, and Stalin – possessed by the Nietzschean *will to power* – who violently imposed their reign of terror and bloodshed as never before in history.

Winston Churchill warned about the gigantic arms build-up in Nazi Germany. The British press labeled him a *warmonger* because of his bold stand. Later he again paid the price for his exposure of the diabolical character of Eastern Russia. He described the *iron curtain* descending across central and Eastern Europe. It was a shock when Churchill and his conservatives were voted out in 1945.

Repeatedly, we human beings are led to feed at the same trough of deception. With precise predictability, we allow not just extremists, but those who obviously defy the proven absolutes, to march the masses as a Pied Piper to certain ruin. Not only was it Brits denying their Victorian heritage and swallowing the media's perversion of Churchill, but America marching to the same tune signing on to the Humanist Manifesto and voting for FDR's New Deal. We trade the truth of godly men for the fantasies of movie stars and sports heroes. Those who will not think allow the press and a handful of God-rejecting liberals to think for them.

Christians will swallow hook, line, and sinker every NEW gimmick that comes along. Is there no discernment? Who would believe that a lottery will save education? How can we be soft on the murder of the unborn, pre-marital sex, and the ungodly lifestyles so rampant in our churches? Toynbee said, *history is a*

story of unlearned lessons. Will we ever learn? Listen to the 20th Century preacher Peter Marshall as he scolded Americans with this challenge:

“The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration....”

The Apostle Paul's record reads as if he were reporting from this century. Not a pretty picture – the downward spiral of Romans 1:21-32: suppress the truth, ignore the creator, and willfully depart. In verse 21 *they knew God.* Then in verse 28 we see the sad condition of a *reprobate mind.* Oh, how subtle the serpent.

Watch the *disintegration.*

1900 to 1920 – a subtle introduction to a New Christianity, a New Ministry, a New Gospel. It's feelings versus doctrine. It's the earthly versus the heavenly. The new social gospel – saving society versus saving souls. New translations versus the tried and trusted Authorized Version.

1930s – New approach to government. Enter Roosevelt's New Deal. We must rely on government for health, education and welfare. It's government instead of God. (By the way, ACLU had just previously made its debut.

1940s – New approach to child rearing. It's Dr. Spock, and give your children what they want. Children are more important than marriage. Husband/wife equality.

1950s – New approach to education: subjective versus objective, secular versus sacred, relativity versus respectability. Out with the 3 R's and in with the 3 E's: experience, equality and evolution.

1960s – New approach to morality – If it feels good do it. Lust over law!

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1970s – New approach to rights – Voila! – the abortion issue.

1980s – New age of psychology versus theology. Conceive it; achieve it. Far eastern hocus pocus is full blown. A steady parade of the strange and bizarre.

1990s – What can I say? From the school house to the White House? REPROBATE. Indeed you reap what you sow!

Now the **2000s** and would any of you question what a mess. Still we debate the Bible version issue. Dress, music, doctrine, philosophy, license, liberty and legalism continue to be redefined. For some there seems to be no absolutes that never change – no anchor that never moves. The borders and boundaries have been removed and anything goes. An illustration for the church is our own American borders. The national Council on Readiness and Preparedness gave the following report:

**** More than 3,000,000 undocumented aliens slip into America illegally every year – the overwhelming majority by coming over the Mexican border.**

**** That's enough to fill 22,000 Boeing 737 airliners, or 60 flights every day.**

**** More than 13,000,000 illegal aliens are living in America right now, according to the most trusted estimates, and we don't know who they are and how many may be terrorists.**

**** Of these, it is estimated that more than 190,000 illegal aliens come across the Mexican border into the U.S. from such terrorist-producing countries as Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bulgaria and Russia.**

(If just a few of these are al Qaeda,

this would certainly be enough to cause catastrophic destruction to the U.S. with a nuclear bomb).

**** Al Qaeda operatives and terrorists can get across Canada's 6,000-mile border even easier. At present, less than 1,000 U.S. border control agents patrol our vast border with Canada. A terrorist can just walk across the Canadian border undetected.**

**** According to an investigative report by Bill Gertz, the Pulitzer Prize winning national security reporter from *The Washington Times*, 'A key al Qaeda terrorism suspect was in Canada... posing as a student at McMaster University, which has a 5-megawatt research reactor.' According to the Gertz report, al Qaeda plans to 'detonate a dirty nuclear bomb in the United States.'**

**** The most violent gang in the United States is the El Salvador-based MS-13 gang, whose members in the U.S. are almost all here illegally. Their gang leaders say openly that they don't worry about deportation because it's so easy to just come back across the border.**

**** Incredibly, our government continues to allow more than half a million illegal aliens who have been convicted of crimes to remain in the U.S.**

**** To complicate the matter even more, in many cities the police are often prevented by law from using a criminal's immigration status to arrest them.**

The report continues with an excellent observation that makes a powerful spiritual application for the church. Here's the quote:

"The reality is, we cannot protect ourselves against a catastrophic terrorist attack if we can't secure America's borders – that is, if we have no idea who is coming into the

United States and who might already be here. That's why getting control of America's borders is so important."

Do you see the application? God's Word clearly defines the borders. Biblical commands and principles establish boundaries for His Church and children. It is critical to our well being for those borders and boundaries to be guarded and maintained. If not, Satan can launch a catastrophic attack with devastating consequences.

But I like the new version. It is easy to read. Only a few words have been changed or omitted. No real harm done.

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered. Danger and destruction are present!

But the young people are now coming to church, and they like that style of music. It's just music. No real harm done.

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered. Danger and destruction are present!

But everybody dresses like that. Who wants to look like a dork? After all, God looks on the heart.

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered. Danger and destruction are present!

But half our church is divorced and remarried. People will leave if we preach about that.

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered. Danger and destruction are present!

But sin and Hell and Doctrine is not what they want to hear.

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered.

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Danger and destruction are present!

But Benedict talks about Jesus, and Billy still preaches the Bible, and Benny healed that guy.

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But did you see all the people at Joel, Jake's, and John's Church?

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But that separation and holiness stuff has its place. **But** God is love. Where is your compassion?

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered. Danger and destruction are present!

But the Bible says thou shalt not judge. That's legalism.

WARNING – The border and boundary has been breached. Illegals have entered. Danger and destruction are present!

Borders and boundaries spiritually are far more important than physical borders for a nation. In lieu of this age of great compromise, would you please read the following scriptures?

1. *For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.* Ps. 119:89
2. *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in*

- this book.* Rev. 22:18 & 19.
3. *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.* I Tim. 4:12
Flee also youthful lusts. II Tim. 2:22.
4. *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.* I Cor. 10:31.
5. *The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.* Deut. 22:5
6. *In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.* I Tim. 2:9 & 10.
7. *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.* I Pe. 1:16.
8. *For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away:* Malachi 2:16.
9. *...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.* Matt. 19:6.
10. *...Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives:* Matt. 19:8.
11. *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth... II Tim. 4:3-4a.*
12. *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?* II Cor. 6:14.

13. *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you...* II Cor. 6:17.
14. *Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged...* Mat. 7:1-2a.
15. *Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?* I Cor. 6:2-3.

- KJV Bible used for all quotes.



ON THE LIGHT SIDE

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws.

“You’ve got so many freckles, there’s no place to paint!” a girl in the line said to the little fella.

Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him. “I love your freckles. When I was a little girl, I always wanted freckles,” she said, while tracing her finger across the child’s cheeks. “Freckles are beautiful.”

The boy looked up, “Really?” “Of course,” said the grandmother. “Why just name me one thing that’s prettier than freckles.”

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma’s face, and softly whispered, “Wrinkles.”



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swamping Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (MCDC) phone lines asking: What can I do to help NOW? The Minuteman Border Fence Project has begun. A new day is dawning in America. Chris Simcox, founder of the MCDC began building the Border Fence at the exact site where his first patrols began in November 2002. Minutemen are donating time, equipment, land and personal funds knowing that they can successfully build a fence of over 2000 miles in length, one foot at a time.



CHINA – Hu Jintao, the Chinese president, visited the U.S., dining with Bill Gates in Seattle and meeting with President Bush at the White House. Mr. Hu rejected calls for his country to revalue its currency when Mr. Bush discussed the \$200 billion annual U.S. trade deficit and the need to close the gap. Reporters Without borders revealed that 48 journalists are in prison in China (of 121 jailed worldwide)—and fingered Yahoo, Google, Microsoft, and others for turning over emails and other information used to incriminate journalists and dissidents. Human rights was probably not on the table when Mr. Hu dined with Bill Gates.

Church persecution in China remains a concern. A recent report, complete with photos and interviews, describes rampant arrests and physical abuse of Chinese Christians for holding unauthorized religious meetings. *World*, 4/2006

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had mysteriously disappeared from Luke 1:27 while remaining in Luke 1:34 and Matthew 1:23....also, the blood of Christ, a most important and previous word and theme, was lacking in many key New Testament references. It was replaced by *death or costly sacrifice*, both good words in their own place but not what the Holy Spirit gave in the original text. The heretical views of the main translator, Dr. Robert Bratcher, help to explain the many places in which the Deity of Christ is played down or omitted. The Good News Bible is one of the worst versions, yet it has been distributed by the millions, largely due to endorsements by Billy Graham, Bill Bright and other evangelical leaders.

“The Living Bible, praised by Billy Graham and other New Evangelical leaders, has reached a publication figure of 37 million copies and has made its author, Ken Taylor, a wealthy man. Taylor admits that the principle he worked from was not a *word-for-word* translation but rather a *thought for thought* paraphrase which he called, *dynamic equivalence*. Taylor said he worked

for the most part from the ASV of 1901, a corrupt translation to begin with....

“This gets right to the heart of the major problem with the modern Bible versions – most are patterned after the corrupted Westcott-Hort Greek Text rather than the *Textus Receptus*.”

Remember the “Christian Bookstore?” Their Bible section is full of New International and New King James Version Bibles. If the source is corrupt, what is to be said about the product? Even a hybrid such as the New King James made this tragic error. Again the integrity of source and text is paramount. Then, who are the translators and what do they believe. From corrupt text to corrupt translators to their corrupt versions with thousands of changes and omissions diminishing the infallibility of Scripture, and deity of Christ, the doctrine of Hell, the precious blood of our Saviour and more; these modern versions are indeed a product of the *many which corrupt the Word of God*. The Voice in the Wilderness will continue to stand for and on the KJB – King Jesus Bible – tried and proven. Amen!

GOSPEL ABC'S

A ccept the Bible’s written assessment: “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one.” Romans 3:10

A dmit man’s attitude: “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23

A cknowledge your own aversion: “For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son...” Romans 5:10

“...**B**y one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Romans 5:12

“**B**ut what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach;...” Romans 10:8

“**B**elievest thou this?”

C onfess with thy mouth...

C all in Faith...

C ommit your heart, your all... Romans 10:9, 13

“Dear God, I know I am a sinner and Jesus died on the cross, shedding His blood and rose from the grave for me. Forgive me of my sins and thank you for salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.”

Here We Grow Again!

Ten years ago when my family and I moved to Dallas, Texas, to begin ministry with The Voice in the Wilderness, I shared with the Board the vision the Lord had placed on my heart. Bro. Royce, prior to my move to Dallas, had placed the office, house, and property in Dallas on the market for sale. My prayer was that in 12 months the Dallas property would be sold and our headquarters relocated. Even though the listing had been on the market for quite sometime, the location was bad and the buildings desperately needed repair, the Lord answered that prayer!

In 12 months exactly The Voice in the Wilderness was relocated to Western North Carolina. Part of that vision was to have a facility for teaching and training a select group of men and women for world missions. Throughout a year, The Voice in the Wilderness would be able to host several 2 or 3 day sessions with one of our missionaries preaching and teaching about 10 students per session. In this intimate setting the missionary could, heart to heart, pour his passion and vision to reach the lost with the gospel into the lives of each student. Then these same students would return to their local church ministries to share what was learned. Prayerfully, many would commit to full time work. Obviously, there are more details, but space does not permit more at this time. But again, the Lord has answered prayers!

From closing out in Dallas, establishing headquarters in North Carolina, to taking on new missionaries, church constructions, and the Aquila/Priscilla ministry our Lord has graciously provided. As a subscriber to *The Voice in the Wilderness* you have been a vital partner of all that has been accomplished. Your prayers and support are so very deeply appreciated.

Now, I am asking for individuals to step up as partners in the next phase of growth for The Voice in the Wilderness ministry. It is my privilege to introduce to you CrossVue School of Missions. This is all about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who willingly gave Himself on the cross of Calvary for your sin and mine. The apostle writes, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Thank God for the Cross of Christ. He died and rose for me. Now I am crucified with Him and now I have new life through Him. Again, the apostle proclaims, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14).

At CrossVue School of Missions it is our desire that men see Jesus high, holy, and lifted up as Saviour and Lord giving eternal life to all who will believe. This is the Vue of the Cross (Vision Until Eternity) that all taught and trained through CrossVue School of Missions will receive. Preparation for such a ministry is complete. Now with your partnership and prayers, The Voice in the Wilderness continues this step of growth. Listed below are needs for your consideration. Over the next few months additional details will be given. Thank you for your prayers,

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vision, and sacrificial giving to The Voice in the Wilderness ministries:

Your monthly financial support is needed for:

1. **The Voice in the Wilderness Printing Ministry**
2. **Monthly Missionary and Pastor support**
3. **Construction of church and building projects**
4. **Aquila/Priscilla Ministry**
5. **Revival/Conference and travel expense**
6. **Headquarters, office expense, and CrossVue School of Missions.**
7. **General fund**

Jesus said, *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

As you know by now, Steve and Rebekah Lilly are presently in Venezuela. Here we grow again! This is a first for The Voice in the Wilderness. Our own staff missionaries are on the field doing a good work for our Lord. Please pray for this ministry. The pastor in Venezuela just e-mailed and stated he would like for the Lilly's to stay on permanently! So many opportunities, so many doors open! Pray with us for wisdom. Now read a portion of a note the Lilly's sent to their local pastor here in Asheville:



Dear Pastor: ... Our trip is going very well so far: We are teaching three different classes. One class is mostly the seminary students, and the other two classes are church members. We have about 60 students in all. Everyone is so excited about learning English. We have shared with them that

by learning English they will then be able to share the Gospel with English speaking people. Some have the desire to be a missionary to the Caribbean Islands where they speak English. Others will be able to use it in Venezuela, because there are so many different nationalities living here. Last Saturday, we met a man who lives in the trash behind the dumpster. He spoke English! He said that he used to live in Toronto. Steve was able to witness to him, but he said that he had been saved many times. Pray for Enrico that he will come to understand and embrace the Truth. Only God can save his soul and his life from such misery....Also pray for finances because we are having to stay in a motel for the duration of our trip. This is the safest place for us to be. Nevertheless, it will be a much more expensive trip than we anticipated...Striving to Serve in Venezuela, The Lillys

Please help us with this CROSS as we GO and GROW for HIS Glory. Don't miss out on the opportunities the Lord places before you. God bless you all. Amen!



Where There's A Will, There's A Way

The hills have been high for man's mounting,
 The woods have been deep for his ax,
 The stars have been thick for his counting,
 The sands have been wide for his tracks.
 The sea has been deep for his diving,
 The poles have been broad for his sway,
 But bravely he's proved in his striving,
 That **"Where there's a will there's a way."**

Have you vices that ask destroying,
 Or passions that need your control?
 Let reason become your employer,
 And your body be ruled by your soul;
 Fight on; though you bleed in the trial,
 Resist with all strength day by day.
 You may conquer sin's host with denial
 For **"Where there's a will there's a way."**

Have you poverty's pinching to cope with,
 Does suffering weigh down your might?
 Only call up your spirit to hope with,
 And dawn may come out of the night.
 Oh, much may be done by defying,
 The ghost of despair and dismay,
 And much may be gained by relying,
 On **"Where there's a will there's a way."**

Should you see afar off that worth winning,
 Set out on the journey with trust,
 And never heed if your path at beginning,
 Should be among branches and dust.
 Though it is by footsteps that you do it,
 And hardships may hinder and stay,
 Walk by faith, and be sure you'll get through it,
 For **"Where there's a will there's a way."**

- Anonymous

Dear *Voice in the Wilderness* Subscriber,

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