

Bits from Bill

Using Information Technology to Help Bring the Word of God
to the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil

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A Call to Prayer

I think it is safe to say that this has not been a good year in America. I don't need to go into details; unless you have been living in a cave in the mountains, you are certainly aware of all that has been going on. The real question is, is there anything that can be done about it?

And, is there something that God is trying to tell us?

It is in our nature to try human solutions whenever problems arise. In many cases, these solutions work because God has given us the ability to deal with many issues. But one thing that He *always* wants us to pray for is wisdom, in order to know the right thing to do.

We *should* pray for a resolution to the problems that are troubling our country. We should pray for a *biblical* solution to the problems, instead of the "solutions" that the world demands. We should pray for wisdom for our leaders, and that the truth about what is really happening would become known to all. All of this is a necessary beginning.

However, resolving the outward issues is merely stopping the bleeding. In order to really treat the patient, it is necessary to deal with the underlying condition. And as believers should all know, the real root of the problem is spiritual.

Jesus told His followers—the Church—that they were to be salt and light in this world. That's *us*. Looking at what is going on, it is becoming increasingly obvious that we have failed in this task. As I have prayed about this, the sense that I am receiving from the LORD is that we have been trying to be salt and light in our own power.

We need a revival. *And it must begin in the Church.*

We need a Spirit of conviction, discernment, and repentance. Conviction of our need. Discernment of what is right and wrong—in *God's* sight. And repentance from walking in our own ways and quenching the Holy Spirit.

The only way that our nation—that the whole *world*—will find real solutions and healing is through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We are way past the point of doing it in our own ability. Church programs may be useful, but they will not get the job done. It is time to get on our knees and cry out to God for Him to bring conviction and repentance.

Because only then will there be a harvest of souls. And only then will we find true healing for our land.

New Partners

For those of you who do not receive my email-only Prayer & Praise Update, I have good news. The LORD has raised up a congregation here in Tucson to join in supporting the work that He has called me to in Brazil.

As you recall, this was one of my main prayer requests when I first returned for furlough. So this is a major praise! Please join me in giving thanks to God for His provision.

Working at Home

For me, this is nothing new during furlough. I have always done it, and this year is no different. Thanks to modern communication technology, I can do things such as meet on-line with colleagues in Brazil, take over computers remotely to deal with issues, and a lot more.

Still, it is not the same as physical presence. There are projects going on at the ALEM center that others are having to do in my absence. Please pray that the LORD would provide both people and resources to get these jobs done.

Summer Travel

As I write this, I still have not been able to finalize plans for travel this summer. I am still hopeful of being able to make a trip of 4-5 weeks, starting in July. I expect to be able to make a decision by the end of this month. Please be praying that I would get the necessary information, and then make wise choices.



Working at my home in Tucson

Praise

- For the Gospel message and the power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of this dark world. Divine power is released when His people worship and praise Him!
- For the congregation that has come on board to become part of my support team.
- For modern communication technology, and the ability that it provides to work remotely.

Prayer

- That the LORD would pour out a Spirit of conviction, discernment and repentance upon the Church—and would spark a *supernatural* revival and subsequent harvest of souls.
- For the people and resources needed to finish the projects taking place at ALEM in my absence.
- To get the necessary information and make wise choices regarding summer travel.

May the LORD make His mighty power known, and may He use you to help accomplish His purpose,
Bill

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”
Zechariah 4:6b

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