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December 2018 Newsletter

Charlie Daniels wrote: "I've been thinking back over my life and all of the questions I've had. I thought about living, thought about dying, and what makes me happy or sad. Most of my questions I've kept to myself, like why in the world was I born? But the number one question I'd like to ask, I'd like to ask of the Lord. Jesus how could You love me? Sweet Jesus how could You love me? Cuz when I have a choice between good and bad, I pick bad two out of three."

Boy oh boy can I ever relate to the lyrics of Charlie's song. But I have to confess that my "relate" is not what you might think. Yes, I make a lot of mistakes, and I truly regret and am sorrowful for those. Yes, I make my share of bad choices, and God always brings me to repentance for those as I seek his Face. The answer is actually in the question. "Jesus how could You love me?" It is not as matter of "how" for Jesus, it is a matter of "that." "That" He loves us is the reality we need to grab onto with both hands, hug tightly with both feet, dwell deeply on with our minds, and treasure constantly in our hearts. His love is not transient, shallow, or short-lived; it is consistent, deep, and eternal: please remember that, along with me, in 2019.

In The Hobbit, the main character Bilbo Baggins is surprised by what the author refers to as "an unexpected party." December brought a very "unexpected party" my way this year. Let me give you a timeline for perspective:

June 2005 Our first trip to Uganda. I was taken to Prayer Mountain to pray for the "SOY" area. (SOY in their language means "the land down in the flat.") The Locals admitted that they had turned their backs on God, and therefore He had let them. (Read Isaiah Chapter 1 for a perfect description) The land was barren, with no crops and the people were destitute.

2006-2009 Pam and I made numerous trips to Uganda to establish trust and credibility---both ways. In that time we developed a deep love and trust for Pastor Chemonges Mike and his wife Phylis.

2010-2018 KMI partnered with Powell Butte Church in providing medical teams, putting in wells, providing food, caring for children, and building a school in the K & K area, which is part of the SOY area.

2005-2018 Little by little, as the people turned back to God, He came back with them. The land has been restored and is continually being restored even more.

August 2018 At the 6th Sipi Pastor's Conference I gave the pastors the challenge to find a way for all the churches in the SOY area (there are over 25 of them) to work together and thus bring great praise, honor, and glory to God. I asked them to hold some sort of event that would announce to all peoples, for miles, and miles that there is no God like Jehovah, and to tell them just how GREAT is our God.

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December 2018 The pastors rose to the challenge and created this: "SOY Festival of Thanks to GOD! Since I had been praying with them since 2005, they called and asked me to be one of the speakers at the Festival. Casey Callan, the KMI Board Chair, was also invited as a speaker. So, in a quickly put-together trip, we went to Uganda from December 8th-18th.

This was not an evangelistic event. This was not a fundraising event. This was not a promotional event. This was not a gimmick to get people to come to church. This was not an exclusive event. This was not a "white-man's" event. This 3-day festival had one purpose and one purpose only: to remind the people of the area where they had come from and where they are today, and give thanks, praise, honor, and glory to the Most High God for restoring the land of a repentant people.

Day 1 + Huge parade through the "town centers" of the three largest villages to the festival grounds. Live band, marching, singing, banners, branch waving, much joy! + Many singing and dancing groups performed from different churches + Guest speaker was the #2 man in the Ugandan Revenue Authority (Like the US IRS). Augrey is from the SOY area and spoke deeply about the past and how grateful he is to see the people turning back to God. Very touching and inspiring. + 2,000 people attended. All 2,000 (800 children) were fed a huge celebration meal.

Day 2 + Casey and I both spoke. Casey told touching stories about his experiences in Uganda, especially with regards to the children. I reminded the people about what I saw on my first trip---how desolate and ungodly things were---yet also that we began praying together from the beginning. I reminded them "There's no God like Jehovah." + Again there were many singing and dancing groups who praised God from different churches in the area. + 2,500 people attended. All 2,500 were once again given a huge celebration meal. Day 3 + Casey and I both spoke again. We spoke with deep love and passion about the glory that God alone deserved. We reminded them "How Great is our God." And we gave all thanks, praise, honor, and glory to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. + Again there were many singing and dancing groups who praised God from different churches in the area. +

Over 3,500 people attended. All 3,500 celebrated together with a meal, and finished by loudly, joyfully, and sincerely giving thanks to God for what he---and only He---has done.

Serving Him,

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