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Called to Preach the Gospel—Baptist by Conviction

God's Protection in Moldova

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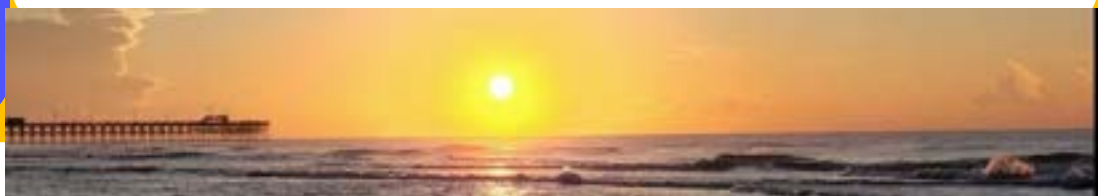
Recently, I was asked about experiences where we saw God clearly intervene to protect us while we were in Moldova. While we did not write about most; several memorable "adventures" came to mind. Instances such as threats to Americans during the United States involvement in the Yugoslavian war; then "Spetsnatz", the Russian Special Forces, stopping us and searching the car one night while they were looking for a serious criminal; being detained by police for hours while taking Sunday School material across the border; and medical emergencies, including a severe reaction to a vaccine. However, there is one incident that is truly above the rest. When we began our work in Moldova, there was a man that attended church services from the beginning. While older, he was a massive man and incredibly strong. I learned that, in the past, he had been an arm

breaker for the local mafia. He was a little on the harsh side, but I figured it was a personality trait combined with his past and that could be dealt with through time. There were several uncomfortable events in which I dealt with him about his behavior and that it was not how a Christian should behave. His problem was that he thought the Bible was for others and did not apply to him. After awhile it became obvious, he was menacing, even threatening others in the church. It was also at this time that I learned that he was still working for the mafia. I knew something had to be done. It was time for church discipline and as a result he was voted out of the church. Soon after a member told me that it would be best to let this man back in, but I said, "not until he gives that life up." He informed me that



this man's friend, the mafia boss, was angry that his "pal" was put out. He let me know that my life was in danger and our children were in danger of being kidnapped. This was Russian style mafia and not a casual threat.

This was the one time we seriously thought about running. We prayed about it and God did not give us peace about leaving. I knew we were to stay. Of course, we took precautions. One way the mafia would "liquidate" someone was to wait until they came into the stairwell of their apartment, then step out into the stairwell and shoot them, pretending it was a robbery gone bad. Therefore, when we came home, I entered the building first, then the



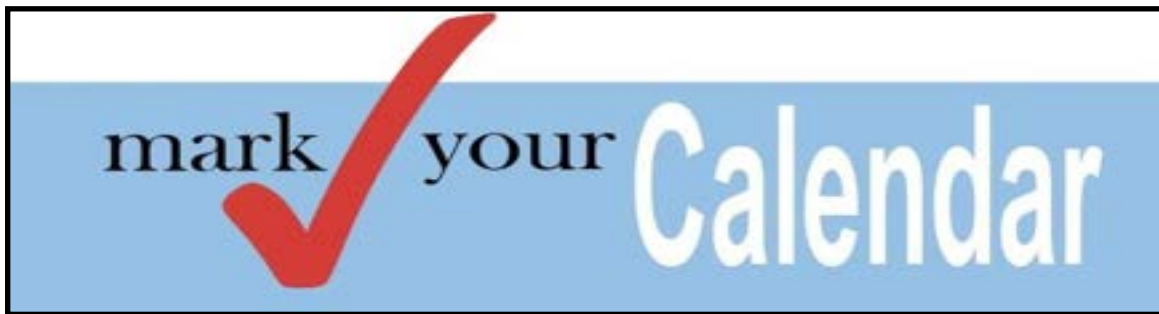
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children and Sabra followed. Once safely in, I would go to park the car in a guarded lot and walk back alone. The children did not go outside by themselves, and we kept them close. The church members were constantly praying for us, and we continued to hold the regular church services. My interpreter asked, "What will you do if the mafia boss comes to see you, will you let the man back in or will you agree to leave the country?" I said to him, "No, he'll have to kill me." The

shock on his face cannot even be described. We continued living in real fear for two full weeks. Then one Sunday, two of the ladies in the church came running up and said: "Have you heard? The mafia boss," (which I will not say by name here) "was killed in the capital city by opposing mafia." What a relief! I was thrilled that the threat was gone! God told us to stay, and He DID protect us. If we had run because of the situation, before God told us to

leave, we would have lost half the time we served there, and by that we could assume half the 300+ that were saved there.

I am reminded of the three Hebrew children. They had to go through the fire but were not alone. God brought them through that fire without even the smell of smoke. God has not promised that it will be easy; but God has promised to look after His own, and I am truly thankful He has protected our family through many trials.



GPA National Camp Meeting September 10—15

This year, the GPA National Camp Meeting is being held at the Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church, 303 W. Christine Road, Nottingham, PA 19362. There will be special singing each night and preaching by Ronnie Barefield, Joe Arthur, CT Townsend, Ed Moore and Gary Moore. There will also be special classes during the day. If you are planning to attend the morning classes, please call 610-806-6555 to register.

2024 Boot Camps

During the Summer of 2024, we will be holding three Boot Camps aboard Mercy's Vessel in Gulfport, MS. During the week of camp, participants will be given the opportunity to earn four certifications and learn more about the boat and its daily operations. The certifications are Emergency First Aid, CPR, Food Safety and Preparation and Personal Evangelism.

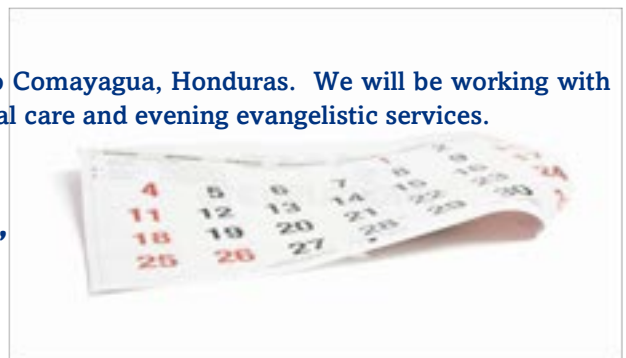
Mission Partner's Dinner March 14, 2024

The Mission Partner's Dinner will be held at the Palm Court of the Double Tree Resort in Lancaster, PA., on Thursday, March 14, at 7:00pm. Lidia Dolé, our newest GPA missionary, will be the keynote speaker.

Honduras Mission Trip June 4—June 15, 2024

Join us for a life-changing Medical and Evangelistic Mission trip to Comayagua, Honduras. We will be working with long-time missionary Arvil Smith providing VBS, Medical and Dental care and evening evangelistic services.

****For more information on any of these events, visit gpamissions.com or call 610-806-6555****



THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

By: Dr. Tolbert Moore
An Excerpt from his book, My Life's Convictions



My conviction of the cross of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is so much a part of my life, my faith, that I cannot cover it in one article. Some highlights of my view of the cross are these:

My salvation, my service, and my hope of the resurrection start and end with the cross of Jesus Christ.

Without the cross, the resurrection would have no meaning.

Without the cross, I would have no ministry.

Without the cross, I would have no gospel to preach.

Without the cross, I would have no grace to preach.

Without the cross, I would have no future hope.

Without the cross, I would have no fellowship with Christ.

Without the cross, I would have no fellowship with the Church, the body of Christ.

Without the cross, I would have no fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters.

Without the cross, there is no shed blood and without the blood, there is no remission for sin.

When preachers, teachers and scribes put more emphasis on some other doctrine, even though biblical, I become careful in my association with them. What is their agenda?

All born again Christians are in the family of God; therefore, they are brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of the family of God, it seems, stray from the cross and pervert the Gospel of Christ.

The Gospel of Christ, the doctrine of Christ, His incarnation, His sinlessness, His mercy and grace are empty without the cross. His shed blood, His redeeming love, all these wonderful truths emanate from the cross.

I believe all the Bible (all 66 books), every verse and every chapter. Some interpretations I may debate with you. You may enlighten me on some things and possibly cause me to change somewhat, but I will live and die by the cross! I will not move from the cross to fellowship with anyone. I will not yoke with anyone who denies any part of the doctrine of the cross.

I believe unbelievers who do not believe in the cross of Jesus are destined for hell. I am convicted that the most critical decision one can make is about the cross.

Modernists who deny the Word of God are not saved. Liberals who want to change what the Word of God says are not saved. Christians who are weak on their stand for the cross are weak in the faith, and, if not hindrances to the preaching of the cross, are in the least, not helpful.

We are saved at the cross. We are kept by the power of the cross. We are made bold by the cross.

I am including a list of scripture about the cross. Please read them over and over. Tell them to your friends, your family, and to strangers you meet on your journey home.

Finished: John 17:4; John 19:30

Cross: I Corinthians 1:17-18; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 1:20

Blood: Mark 14:24; Hebrews 9:20; I Peter 1:19

Shedding: Hebrews 9:22

Special Prizes

Giveaways

2023 Share-A-Thon



Friday, September 15th

Noon—6:00 PM

Live-Streaming Online from:

Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church

303 W. Christine Road



Hosted by: Dr. Gary Moore and Derek Middleman
Live Preaching by: Dr. Joe Arthur, Dr. Ronnie Barefield,
Dr. Edwin Moore, Brad Davis and Billy Sampson



Singing by: Ben Rochester family, The Sampsons,
The Nottingham Four, Surrender, Redeemed and NMBC Choir



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