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Does it Matter? By: Judi Gawlikowski, CRNP

Have you ever wondered if your donations to mission ministries make a difference? After having participated in over ten medical mission trips with the Gospel Preacher Association, I can assure you that each contribution not only makes a difference by spreading God's Word to those who thirst for itbut each donation made in faith achieves more than could ever be imagined, as it allows God to make what is impossible to us, possible.

Over my ten mission trips, I have witnessed healings, experienced delightful fellowship, and seen lives transformed. These trips have brought muchneeded medications and medical care, as well as hope, to hundreds of downtrodden individuals in Central America. All of which is due to the faith, prayers, and donations that support the mission.

My faith in God as a provider has been vastly increased by these trips. It is not uncommon for us to run out of critical medication, and the only thing we can do is pray. Miraculously, these medications turn up in the pharmacy or somehow

make their way into our hands. I have come to count on this and no longer worry that we won't have the medicines we need for the clinic.

Another example of God providing occurred last year. The role of a medical interpreter is critical, and I did not have one assigned to me this past year. I prayed, and one of the patients waiting in line looked directly at me and said, in perfect English, that I looked like I needed



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help. He was a professional medical translator and volunteered to stay for two days to assist us.

I have one more miracle story to share. Last year, we held a clinic in a school on a washed-out Honduran mountain. It was hot, and we faced long lines of tired, worn-looking women, boisterous children, and expectant families. My next patient was a downcast middle-aged woman. After some discussion, I learned that she was greatly distressed because she had a cancer diagnosis and no money to pay for treatment. Cruelly, her type of cancer would be easily cured if she lived in the USA. No cancer is every easy, but it must have been devastating knowing you have no possibility of treatment.



But we put our faith in God, and He provided the otherwise impossible solution.

Before leaving for the mission trip, we had been given anonymous financial donations to use as a gift in such a situation. By God, this donation was just enough to pay for her surgery and chemotherapy in Honduras. Immediately, the local pastors gathered her and her family into the church community, gave her the good news, and facilitated

her medical appointments. She and her son, who were not affiliated with any church, were astounded at this gift and expressed overwhelming joy and gratitude to God.

So, I thank you, whoever you are, for your stalwart support for me and all the mission teams over the years. Your donations emphatically do make a difference, as they make our work possible and certainly render blessings to our patients, the local pastors, and all the communities impacted.

Amen. So be it. God alone.



SAVE THE DATE

MISSION PARTNER'S DINNER APRIL 25, 2025

The 17th Annual Mission Partner's Dinner will be held at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church in Nottingham, PA on Friday April 25th, at 7:00pm. Admission is FREE but you must have a ticket to RE-SERVE your seat. For tickets visit: gpamm.com/dinner-ticket-request

MEXICO MISSION TRIPS JUNE & JULY 2025

Join us on one of three different mission trips to the Yucatan Peninsula. We will be working along side GPA missionaries Alfredo Pech, Carl Hewlett, and Rick Montes in Felipe Carrillo Puerto. Applications available at gpamm.com/upcoming-trips.

Bible School Week: June 19-28, 2025 Offering VBS every day lead by GPA Missionaries Rick & Nancy Montes.

Medical Clinic Week: July 10-19, 2025 Offering full medical clinic every day by lead physician Dr. David Rooney and GPA President Gary Moore. TRIP IS FULL

Evangelistic Week: July 25-Aug 2, 2025 Preaching by GPA Missionary Rev. Rick Montes, GPA Mid-Atlantic Representative Rev. Rick Glass, and Rev. Mark Thrift.

GPA NATIONAL CAMP MEETING SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2025

Camp Meeting will be held at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church at 303 W. Christine Rd, Nottingham PA 19362. We will have special preaching and singing each night at 7pm. Make plans to join us!

Easter First Fruits By: Dr. Ed Moore, European Director

Easter—a time to think about bunnies, biddies, daffodils and eggs. But in reality, that is not what the day or season is about. I think a better name for Easter Sunday would be Resurrection Sunday. comes in springtime when the earth is waking to new life. Daffodils are early risers and spring forth with new life and beauty. The eggs remind us that life is contained in a shell that will eventually burst forth. The tomb where Christ lay held LIFE, and that life would break forth. (John 1:4) "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." The egg should remind us that the tomb could not hold our Saviour any more than the shell could hold the biddy.

(I Corinthians 15:20) "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." Some may object that He was not the first risen from the dead and remind us of Lazarus or Jairus' daughter. The problem with that is, they did not raise themselves and they did not have resurrection bodies. They were resurrected back into their old bodies which would eventually die again. Jesus was the first to be raised into a new resurrection body, never to die again!

Why is the resurrection so important? We can understand child birth but question who the father is. Not many, if any, question that a man named Jesus was born, however they question who his father was. (John 8:41) "Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father,



even God." The crucifixion is commonly accepted but His deity is rejected. Sure, He was crucified but He was just a man rebelling against religious authority and Rome. Neither of those hold water when it comes to the open, empty tomb.

The apostle Paul states clearly that rejecting the resurrection makes our faith and preaching worthless. (I Corinthians 15:17) "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." As believers we hold to the truths of the Immaculate conception, Virgin birth, sinless life and all the miracles Jesus performed. We accept the crucifixion as fact and an atoning sacrifice. However the resurrection is the notary's signature as verification. This was the SON OF GOD!

What do we proclaim? The apostle Paul tells Timothy to "preach the word" even when it is out of season. We are told to give doctrine and be longsuffering. I am not sure exactly what longsuffering means here, but I think it means keep preaching it when they keep rejecting it. What is the verification of our message? (I Corinthians 15:14) "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching in vain, and your faith is also

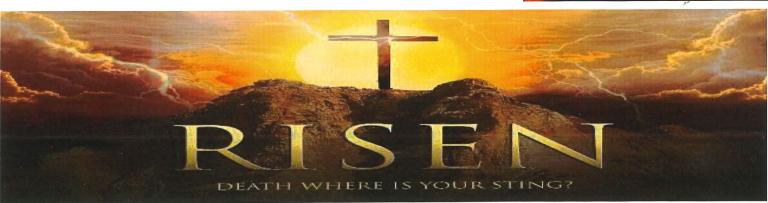
vain." I Corinthians 15 makes it plain. If there be no resurrection, Christ's death was vain (empty, vain, devoid of truth). If the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised? If Christ raised not, then those which are fallen asleep (dead) in Christ are perished.

GET the MESSAGE!

(I Corinthians 15:19) If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

We do not celebrate a death on Easter, it is resurrection Sunday. We celebrate on this Sunday because Jesus is our risen Lord! We have assurance because He holds the keys. (Revelation 1:18) "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."





In Loving Memory



Dr. Kenneth Rex McPherson

1/11/1955—11/25/2024 Serving with GPA since 1988

Dr. Rex McPherson was one of the first GPA missionaries,. He served as Welsh director and the longest serving General Director. He founded Lexington Baptist Tabernacle and Christian school, pastored at Gallilean Baptist Church for 13 years, published many sermons, 1 book, and 3 songs.



Dr. Richard D. Green

10/9/1941—10/25/2024 Serving with GPA since 1995

Dr. Richard Green earned dual masters degrees in divinity and education teaching in schools across New York and Wyoming. In his 40 years of ministry, he pastored churches in Illinois, Kansas, and North Carolina and spent 20 of those years planting churches in Washington.





Psalm 30:1-5

I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I. The story behind Psalm 30

David had faced the struggles of life

- A. Some struggles were caused by others. . . A big giant, the jealous king, unfaithful friends, a family that was ripped apart, the drama and circumstances of life
- B. Some struggles were caused by himself. . .hasty judgments, uncontrolled lust.

He knew what it was to be under the

chastening hand of God, but because of his willingness to confess, he knew what mercy, grace, and forgiveness was available to him.

II. Night and Morning

- A. The night. . . Fear, anguish, disappointment, and hurt would be over
- B. The morning of. . . Joy, hope, grace and glory Had Come!

III.Now a greater picture comes into view:

a vision a prophecy old testament glimpses of Jesus, the son of David

- A. David, as a type of Christ
 - 1. A son, born in Bethlehem, sent by the father.
 - 2. A soldier, fought and won the battle.
 - 3. A singer, who has brought joy to many.
 - 4. A shepherd, who watched and protected his sheep.
 - 5. A sovereign, who reigned on the throne.

B. Jesus, not because of his own but because of the sins of others, yours and mine, has gone under the chastening hand of God. The cross of Calvary, He has paid the ultimate price, salvations work is Finished! But he didn't stay dead. His night of weeping was over.

IV. Then came the Morning

Now the morning of freedom, hope, forgiveness, and salvation has come through the power of the Gospel.

- A. Now there is hope for the lost sinner, the night of condemnation can be over and the morning of forgiveness, redemption, and new lease on life can be experienced.
- B. But there is more, the child of God that is weeping because of pain, bewilderment, loss of a loved one, the struggles of life, has the blessed hope and blessed assurance that the sun is coming up in the morning. Because He lives, we shall live also. When the bright and morning star arises, we are going to a land of no more night. At the end of this night, the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.



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