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Saving Mercy's Vessel

By: Dr. Gary S. Moore, GPA President



Eleven years ago I dared to dream of a shipboard ministry; some said it was a nightmare, others said it was impossible, while others caught the **vision** of a clinic and pharmacy on board a ship large enough to sleep twenty or more. Today that ship, **Mercy's Vessel**, is a reality having already made several trips and standing ready to embark on her longest and most extensive trip to date in 2025...but wait!

Since starting The Mercy Project and purchasing Mercy's Vessel; hundreds of people have prayed, donated time and treasure, skill and know how, to bring the ship to a functional medical clinic and floating hotel. It seems that everyone knows what a great blessing the ship is, but not everyone knows how expensive it is to **operate** and **maintain**. As you well know, diesel fuel is very costly along with everything related to

ships and boats.

I'm telling you this because at the present time we are in danger of having to place Mercy's Vessel on hold. I've been leading this ministry for decades and have never been an alarmist, nor have I ever made a financial situation sound extremely dire to raise money. So I pray my words will ring true to you when I say we have a **GREAT** need this year to put Mercy's Vessel in a stronger financial footing or risk her sitting idle. We need to raise at least \$30,000 by the end of the year to save the ministry of Mercy's Vessel. **For our organization** this is a lot of money, but we know we have a great God who is able to hear and answer prayer.

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The Lord gave us a faithful partner who has stepped up to promise a matching donation of up to \$10,000 between now and year end. Now we need you to give a gift that will be doubled, but only if it arrives by **January 1st!** I pray this letter will encourage you to make a substantial gift this holiday season. The truth is **you can really make a difference in missions by giving.**

We have put many years of volunteer work into Mercy's Vessel. Scores of people have invested thousands of hours into converting an old fishing boat into a beautiful and functional medical ship. Along with that we have put over \$750,000 into the ship, money donated in the hope of seeing Mercy's Vessel serve the families and Missionaries of Central America and

the Islands of the Caribbean. We stand to lose this valuable asset. At the moment we have just over \$32,000 set aside specifically for the ship. And of course there is the crew, medical workers, youth workers, singers and preachers standing ready to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. You see, God has truly blessed in the past and we believe it is right and fitting to move forward. So please consider what you can give toward this matching donation, every dollar matters as we come to the end of this year.

Through the years my **vision** for this ministry has not changed and I'm trusting God to move on many hearts and give us the victory this winter. Our desire is to exceed this \$10,000 matching amount. I trust you will **embrace the vision** and give gener-

ously. . . "Where there is no **vision**, the people perish. . ." Proverbs 29:18.



Pictured above are the very first patients on Mercy's Vessel in the Dominican Republic, May 2022.



Giving Tuesday December 3, 2024

After Cyber Monday, give to your favorite charity on Giving Tuesday. Make a donation online at gpmissions.com or call GPA home office at 610-806-6555.

Mission Partner's Dinner March 21, 2025

The 17th Annual Mission Partner's Dinner will be held at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church in Nottingham, PA on Friday March 21th, at 7:00pm. For questions please email gpmissions@gmail.com.

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. Applications available at gpamm.com/upcoming-trips.

Bible School Week: June 19-30, 2025 Calling all youth groups and teens to help us offer VBS to the children of Mexico.

Medical Clinic Week: July 10-19, 2025 Offering full medical clinic every day, nurses and interpreters needed.

Evangelistic Week: July 25-Aug 2, 2025 Calling all young preachers and interpreters to help us provide evangelistic services every night and visit door to door during the day



The First Coming of Jesus Christ

By: Rev. Rick Glass

Luke 24:4-7

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Luke 2:19 *“But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.”*

The fall season is changing fast toward winter. The beautiful brilliant colored leaves are turning brown and falling to the ground. Soon there will be frost on the windshields of our cars and there will be a nip in the air. One more page on the 2024 calendar to be turned and then the year will be over. Our thoughts and expectations now await one of the most blessed holidays of the year, **Christmas**, when we celebrate the **first coming of Jesus Christ** to this world! I know we wait and long for the Rapture, but without **His FIRST coming**, there would be no **second coming!**

Thank God our Saviour came, lived a sinless life and shed His blood on Calvary's cross as our substitute for sin. Oh what a Saviour! Colossians 1:14 says *“In Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”* (It is so sad that most of the modern Bible versions leave the word “blood” out of this verse!)

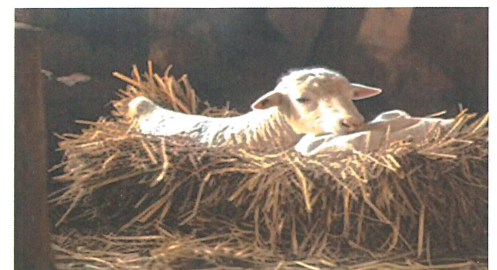
He was called Emmanuel, **“God with us”** in Matthew 1:23. Jesus had to take on a robe of human flesh through the miracle of the virgin birth. John 1:1 says that the Word was God. Verse 14 says *“And the Word (Jesus) was made flesh and dwelt among us.”* Colossians 2:9 says, *“For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”* Therefore Jesus is the Christ, the promised Messiah, the promised one in the Old Testament. 100% God, 100% man.



Mary, the godly young woman whom the Father chose to experience the miracle of the virgin birth had glimpses of what had happened through this miracle. Mary pondered these things in her heart. It's our family's tradition to gather and read Luke 2:1-19 before opening any gifts on Christmas morning. We emphasize Jesus Christ as **The Gift of God to all of us!** Each time we read this passage, I can't help but see Mary in my mind's eye and of course, Joseph by her side. I see Joseph helping to deliver her baby, and lifting that precious baby boy up to God in thanksgiving and praise. No doubt they looked him over before wrapping him up in swaddling clothes! He was a perfect baby boy looking up

innocently at them while they wiped his brow and kissed his cheek. I see those big brown eyes squinting from the light of the lamp in Joseph's hand. He who was the Light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5) was now adjusting to earthly light. His little fingers were clinging to Mary's finger in a grip of greeting. Mary and Joseph counted each of those ten toes on his little feet. Yes, Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Think of the anguish 33 years later as she watched thorns pressed down on his head, marring his brow, and those feet marching up Calvary's hill under the burden of carrying a heavy cross, and then his hands and feet nailed to that cross. His perfect body was beaten by the very ones he came to save. You see, Jesus was born to die that he might destroy the power of sin, death and the grave, bringing salvation to all who believe and accept him as Lord and Saviour. I'm glad for the first coming of Jesus Christ and I'm looking for His promised second coming. **Are you ready?** Have you received Jesus as your Saviour? You see, true Christianity is not about religion, but it's about a personal relationship with Jesus as your Lord and your Saviour.



**17th Annual
GPA Mission Partner's Dinner**

Friday, March 21, 2025 7pm

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**God is Always Good
By: Zilenia Corrales**



In light of Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, we are honoring Zilenia Corrales, missionary to Venezuela. Please continue to pray for her as she continues her treatments.

God bless you, my dear brothers and sisters.

Today I feel **very grateful** to my Lord for the miracle of life, going through this painful process since I was diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago.

The path that I have been given has not been easy, but one thing I am very pleased with has been the presence of God in my life. **He has been my company and strength** since I have gone through the strong

treatment of chemotherapy, which not only destroys bad cells but also good ones. It was not easy to lose my hair, eyebrows, and eyelashes, but his love and presence have always been there. I can say my God is definitely a **good God** who made no mistake in choosing me to live through this entire process. I have grown to love Him more, and I know that He is **all I need in my life**, no matter what I have lost physically since my surgery. After they removed my breast, I later went to radiotherapy and at this time am still in treatment with oral medication. The Lord has **always supplied my need**, and I lack the words to fully express my appreciation to all those who have prayed

and have helped me through my treatment process.

*Fear thou not;
for I am with thee;
be not dismayed;
for I am thy God:*

*I will strengthen thee;
yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Isaiah 41:10.



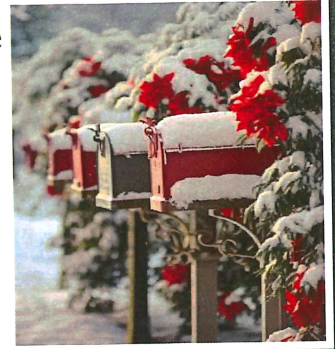
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