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# REACHING OUR CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

by Rev. Ian Goligher

It has been a great joy to receive photos of so many children from our churches and mission works. Each picture tells its own story. Behind each face is a precious soul with untold future potential. These photos show us the impact the ministry of our denomination is having upon children in various parts of the world. I hope you are blessed when you read Rev. George Morrison's article "The Child in the Midst." Ministering to children is an honourable work for it is what the Lord Himself delighted to do while He was on earth. Teachers may not always think so when they have had a "hair-pulling-out meeting" with boisterous children, but for the most part children are a dream audience. They rise to great heights of enthusiasm and receive the gospel truths with much youthful energy.

When teaching children the gospel message—which I have done quite a lot over the years—I have learned to ask the children to give me their eyes. The teacher's hope is to hold each child's attention and keep him or her riveted on the facts and lessons of the gospel message.

Just as we seek to preach so that men and women are soundly converted through the work of the Holy Spirit, boys and girls also need to be born again. We must not assume they are ready for heaven until they have heard the gospel message and personally received the Lord into their hearts. Though children of believing parents have many privileges, we know that children are not saved by family relationship, nor by the external ministry of the church. They must be individually born of God's Spirit through the effectual call of the gospel. All parents therefore should plead God's covenant promises and pray that the Holy Spirit will do His gracious work in the hearts of their children.

For this reason God has told us to "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). As we explain the gospel and apply it to our

children's minds and hearts we depend totally on God to open their hearts and bring them to faith in Christ. Wonderfully, and in covenant-keeping grace, God has promised this blessing to His people: "As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever" (Isaiah 59:21). Whether our children are yet around our feet or grown up and away from home, all parents should earnestly plead the promises of God for their children.

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OF GOD."**

LUKE 18:16

It is my prayer that this issue of *Current* will stir each reader to pray for children to be blessed with the knowledge and saving power of the gospel. I hope that you will pray for the children pictured in these pages who are already blessed with gospel ministry. Pray for them in their differing lands and homes and as they face their various temptations. They are each precious in the Lord's sight. He knows them each one by name and He knows all their spiritual needs. Pray for the workers and teachers who pour themselves into the lives of these children instructing them in the ways of the Lord. May it please God to hear your prayers for Jesus' sake. Then there will be joy in heaven over each child that is brought to faith in Christ and there will be joy in homes around the world as little ones display their new life in Christ.

Perhaps God will also empower you to teach the gospel to boys and girls. There are endless possibilities for those who seek to minister the gospel to children, whether it be to children in your own home, in the church, in your community, or on the mission field..

Young people who are seeking to find opportunities of service for the Lord will discover that children's ministry is a good place to begin. I believe that speaking to children has helped me to develop as a preacher, though some might think I should do much more of it! I rejoice, however, if God uses me to reach the mind and heart of a child with the good news of the gospel.

Surely it is time for God's people to pray for a revival of gospel work among boys and girls within our whole denomination. Pray for our Sunday schools to be filled with boys and girls who are keen to hear the story of the Saviour. Pray for teachers to be Spirit-filled to bring the message of the gospel with Holy Ghost power to these precious souls. We ought to pray that children will be soundly converted and nurtured in the faith for we know that the Lord delights to save and to bless children with salvation.

If you find yourself as the teacher with only one or two boys or girls in your class don't be discouraged. Your labor for the Lord is not in vain. While we are jealous of those with opportunities to speak to larger groups of children—and they seem to be on the mission field rather than in our home churches—it is good to remember that to speak to one boy or girl for Christ is still a work worthy of our all. Remember the conversion of Robert Moffatt, who was the only convert in his church over a whole year of gospel ministry. The minister didn't give in to discouragement, and God took that boy from Scotland to the heartland of Africa as His missionary to preach to teeming multitudes. As we teach even the smallest class of children hope springs up in our hearts as we think of their potential for God's glory. With His blessing to save and sanctify children through His Word tomorrow's church will come forth from the ranks of today's Sunday school classes. What joy it will bring to us if it be those now under our tender shepherding care. ■



# In Their Own Words

## Questions & Answers

with

Rev. Lee Sterritt



*Rev. Lee Sterritt is the associate minister in our Toronto church and principal of Whitefield Christian Academy and Collegiate Institute. Before moving to Toronto in 2009 Lee served as pastor of Heritage Free Presbyterian Church in Prince George, British Columbia. Since then he has been called to an administration position in Whitefield Christian Schools. He and his wife, Nicola, have five children: Claire, Lauren, Owen, Adam, and Samantha.*

*Anyone who knows Mr. Sterritt will agree that God in His wisdom and providence has made the man for the task. He enjoys sports, has a servant's spirit, and works tirelessly for the good of the youth of the church and the students of the school. With our theme in this issue of the Current being ministry to children we knew we must interview Mr. Sterritt.*

**Current: You came to Canada with your family when you were a teenager. How did you find the transition from life in Ulster to life in Toronto?**

**LS:** As a teenager coming to Canada in 1989 it was very exciting. I think that was my first time flying ever. I still remember the drive from the Toronto airport, trying to take everything in and being so impressed by the vast city, its highways, and skyscrapers. I considered this a new beginning, a big adventure. After the initial excitement though, I found it difficult to settle and missed my friends and family. It took about a year to adjust to life in a new country.

**What age were you when you were saved and how did you discover your need to seek the Lord as your Saviour?**

I came to the Lord at the age of nineteen, although I had made a profession early in life, praying as a child for the Lord to come into my heart. However, through my teenage years there was no evidence of change. I had no desire for the things of the Lord; I mixed with profane company, got into the world, and pursued its pleasures. I soon found the things of this world to be empty. Like the prodigal I came to my senses after a Sunday evening service at the old Toronto church on Warden Avenue. I knew things were not right in my life, I knew the gospel well, I knew I was a sinner, and I knew things were not going to change until I got right with God. Following a conversation with the youth leader that night I simply went to my car and there, alone in the church parking lot, I called upon the Lord to forgive me and take control of my life.

**What were your student days like at the Whitefield College of the Bible in Northern Ireland where you trained for the ministry?**

My wife and I enjoyed our time in Northern Ireland very much. We lived in Moneyslane and got to know many wonderful people. It was great to have the opportunity to study full time and visit many of our churches. I gained real practical experience speaking and testifying at many youth groups and various services. I benefited from the combined wisdom of the lecturers, who were also ministers in our local churches and who could speak from pastoral experience. The workload was heavy and the exams painful, but I somehow survived!



*Lee and Nicola on their wedding day*



**Tell us a little of your ministry as pastor of Heritage FPC in Prince George, British Columbia.**

As a student minister fresh out of seminary I still had much to learn. The congregation was very patient and welcomed us with open arms. It was a great place to live. We spent just over eight years in Prince George. The weekly discipline of study and preparation for pulpit ministry was difficult yet so vital to my growth in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. The people had a hunger for the Word of God and were so willing to help in the work. The congregation in Prince George was very much involved in the preparations and plans for the annual youth camp for our western Canadian churches. Those times of fellowship were sweet and blessed of God and so it was a very difficult decision to leave when the call to minister in the school presented itself.

**Describe for us your role at Whitefield Christian Schools.**

Some days I wear many different hats from administrator, to teacher, coach, and counsellor. You have to be versatile in this kind of ministry. At present we have 230 students enrolled and about 35 full- and part-time teachers. I oversee the needs of the staff, lead the weekly staff prayer meeting, chair the school committee, teach Bible in the high school, and take morning assemblies each week. I meet with parents and students on a regular basis and of course as principal I have the unpleasant task of dealing with any issues and matters of discipline.

**What is the most satisfying aspect of your ministry among the students?**

I wanted to be in a ministry where I could have a greater influence and impact especially in the lives of our youth. You don't always see the fruit of ministry immediately; sometimes it's months or years, but it's always rewarding to hear how the Lord has used His Word to shape young lives. There is no greater joy than to hear of children walking in truth. Many have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ through the years and it's great to see young people who love Christ pursuing the things of the Lord with zeal. The students often come back to volunteer at the school or to share how the Lord is leading them. They have so much potential. God has given our young people gifts and talents they can use to glorify His name and serve Him in this world and that's very exciting to me.

**What lessons from your own youth and conversion to Christ can you apply to help your students?**

Personally, I wasted a lot of time and energy as a young person seeking vain things. I let other things come between me and the Lord. I was very into sports, played a lot of rugby, soccer, and ice hockey; those things became idols to me. Now that I'm a little older (and wiser, I hope) I regret that! I would encourage the young people to remember their Creator in the days of youth. Don't waste your life! Solomon, reflecting upon his life, lamented his vain pursuit of lasting joy and satisfaction in temporal worldly pleasures. He discovered that unless that search ends with God all will be vanity and vexation of spirit (Ecclesiastes 12:13–14). Augustine once said, "Thou [God] hast made us for yourself, and our souls are restless until they find their rest in thee." True rest of soul, peace of conscience, and lasting joy are only found in Jesus Christ and in a knowledge of God. God has made us in such a way that we can never know eternal rest apart from Him (Matthew 11:28–30).

**You and your wife, Nicola, were married in 1995 and God has given you five children. How has your role as a husband and father helped you to minister to families in your church and school?**

I'm so glad my own children have the privilege of being educated in a school where Christ is exalted, where the teachers know and love the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and genuinely care for the students under their tutelage.

I have many opportunities to speak with students and their parents. I feel my need of divine wisdom to counsel and direct others in the way of righteousness. In this busy day and age I understand something of the challenges of trying to raise children for the Lord. I can sympathize with other parents. I understand their desire to protect their children from the influences of the world and to prepare them for the challenges they will face beyond the walls of a Christian school. That's why a consistent witness and example at home and school are important. We are working together as parents and educators to equip the rising generation. We want them to be ready always to give an answer of the hope that is in them with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15).

**What do you find to be the greatest threats to young Christians today and how can they avoid or stand against them?**

There are many challenges for our young people today. They are bombarded on every side. Peer pressure, the sinful influences of the world, the advancements in technology and social media, a sense of entitlement and privilege in the age of celebrity and fame, changing worldviews regarding sexuality and marriage are just a few of the issues confronting them. How can they navigate safely through all that?





They need godly wisdom and discernment to prove things that are morally excellent and acceptable to God. They must build their lives upon the foundation of God's Word. I fear there is a widespread lack of discernment among young people from not knowing the Word of God (Hosea 4:6). There are so many distractions, so many things that call for their attention. It's so easy for them to drift along, accepting everything and not think through the issues. I would encourage them to take time in the Word of God. They must take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God if they are to stand in this evil day (Ephesians 6:17). Knowing the Scriptures is a strong defense against the attack of the evil one.

**Do you have a hobby or a special interest beyond your church and school work?**

I enjoy time in the gymnasium with kids at the school playing soccer and floor hockey. Outside of school in the summer I spend some time at the lake with my family, going for walks, biking, and fishing. Also, I play a little golf when I can through the summer months. In the winter I help coach the ice hockey team my boys play on. ■

# NEPAL

## AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE



We are all very glad that Rev. Wesley Graham and his wife, Carol, are safe and well after coming through the fearful events of the earthquake in Nepal—those ninety seconds of terror, destruction, and death that struck so much of the country on Saturday, April 25. Our news stations have been showing us daily the scenes of the property destruction from the earthquake that sent people into the streets in panic. We have heard of the chaos at Kathmandu airport, the main terminus for moving supplies and people in and out of the country. Scientists have endeavored to rehearse the geological factors at work in shifting the topography of Nepal, the country often called the rooftop of the world. Reporters have described the magnitude of the task before the government and the Nepalese people to stave off hunger, disease, and further disaster with the onset of the monsoon season. The people face a lifetime of struggle to work their way back to normality.

To get the inside story of how the Free Presbyterian churches in Nepal are doing and ministering in the midst of the chaos we interviewed Rev. Wesley Graham, who, with his wife, Carol, was in a church service in Kathmandu when the quake struck.

**Current: Tell us what life is like right now for you and the people you minister to from week to week.**

**WG:** There are basically two types of situation following the earthquake. First, there are those who live in areas where the buildings have been erected to earthquake-proof standards, which includes most of the newer parts of the cities. Although the effects of the quake are very frightening and people are advised to stay out of their homes, normal life is disrupted rather than made impossible. The people in the church were able to pitch a temporary tent in front of the building and camp out for five nights. There was enough food and everyone was reasonably comfortable.

In the second place, there are those who have been affected in areas where the buildings are old and crumble easily—mountain villages, for instance, or ancient buildings in tourist towns and even in the city of Kathmandu. In areas near the epicenter and along the fault line the devastation was beyond description, with many of the homes of the believers destroyed or damaged. Most of their belongings and food were buried in the rubble and shelter was non-existent.

**Describe for our readers the mood of the people in the first services you held with them after the earthquake.**

In the services in Kathmandu things proceeded as normal with no real signs of panic or concern. Our first service after the earthquake was held on Sunday morning in the open air and I brought a word from





Psalm 46. The Lord very clearly gave the people much grace in the midst of the turmoil.

**What tangible help have you and the people received to date?**

Thankfully, through the aid fund which has been set up in Northern Ireland, help has been sent to the areas most affected. It is hoped that we will be able to help by providing seed rice for planting in a few weeks. This is an absolute necessity, as it provides a vital lifeline to the people when the harvest time arrives in October. Following on from this, we intend to help with the reconstruction of homes, providing limited materials. If further aid is available, we may be able to give assistance in the repairing of church properties.

**How has this affected the spiritual lives of the people? Have they been accepting of it or are they questioning God about the things they have come through?**

We have not detected any bitterness amongst the Christians that we know in the churches. They simply have picked themselves up and sought to carry on with their lives, leaving all in the Lord's hands. Immediately after the earthquake there was a mood of great thankfulness among the people we were with because no one had been hurt and our building was still standing. Many of the young people have been active in going to the villages with the needed supplies and that in itself is a testimony to their desire to press on in the work of God. Others are involved in volunteer work in the hospitals.

**We heard about the tragic death of one man who was pastoring a village church. We understand that he was due to be ordained to the gospel ministry. Tell us about this**

**young man and about how his family and congregation have been coping after his death.**

This man, Laxman by name, did the Bible college course at the beginning of 2011. Since that time he had served as pastor in his church. When the Nepal brethren decided to become a Free Presbyterian Church, he was one of the men who would eventually be ordained as ministers. We personally feel the loss, as we had the privilege of training him. We have not heard from his wife as yet, but we are sure that the God of all grace will support her in coming days. We would ask that your readers keep this family before the Lord in prayer.

**What do you see as the pressing needs for God's people in the churches of Nepal?**

Basically, in the aftermath of the earthquake, the needs are to obtain the essentials for living, such things as food and shelter.


**Will you and Carol stay on much longer in Nepal or must you soon return home to Northern Ireland?**

When the earthquake struck we still had two weeks before we were due to return to Northern Ireland. Our decision was to remain and to stay out our time.\* Although it was difficult on occasions because of the aftershocks, yet it was good to be with the people and share in their troubles. We are glad that we did stay, as it enabled us to organize the relief supplies that were so much needed. We returned home on the 12th May and heard about the second big earthquake while sitting in Delhi Airport waiting for our flight to London. We hope to return to Nepal sometime in September.



\*Note: Because of the visa restrictions on the length of time that foreigners can stay in Nepal the Grahams go twice a year, in the spring and then in the late fall. Originally Wesley helped in the formation of the college, teaching some of the subjects. His wife, Carol, also had a class each week in which she taught the students English. Although Wesley does a limited amount of the teaching, most of the training is being carried by the Nepali men themselves. His work is now more advisory, seeking to guide in the initial stages of the presbytery business. The college course is increasing its training from three to five months later in the year. The Grahams hope to return in the fall and will then introduce some new subjects into the teaching program.

# THE CHILD IN THE MIDST



And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. —*Matthew 18:2*

I want to speak on Jesus and the child to show you out of the Bible story how precious childhood was to Jesus Christ. And I want to do it just that we may feel that when the church which is His body tends the children it is certain to have the blessing of the Master.

First, then, we may find how Jesus valued them by the loving way in which He had observed them. With a quick eye and with a loving heart He had been watching them when they never dreamed of it. He had watched the mother fondling her babe, and in her joy forgetting all her agony. He had watched the children playing in the market place, and sulking, and quarrelling with each other. And He had watched the boy, when school was over, hurrying home and asking for a piece of bread, and always getting it and not a stone.

For Christ the coming ruin was doubly terrible just because children were to be involved in it. For Christ there was no test of loyalty more searching than that a man should love Him more than he loved his children. And all these references to the little people, these recognitions of them in unexpected moments, show you how

dear they were to Jesus Christ. When you follow Jesus through the gospels, when you see how He had observed the ways of children, when you mark the niceness of His references to them, as of One who had watched them for Himself, why then you feel at once that here was One for whom there was a joy for every child. He loved the little as deeply as the lost.

## CHRIST FELT THE SUFFERINGS OF LITTLE CHILDREN.

### **The busy Jesus had time for the child.**

Again, the same impression is intensified when we think of the access He gave them to His presence. There was never a more crowded life than His, and yet He always had leisure for the child. The fact is, friends, that in the life of Christ that air of leisure always is amazing. He had but three short

years to do His work, yet He had eyes for the sparrow when it fell. He had to ransom from the power of darkness men and women who were the slaves of Satan, yet always had He leisure for the child.

The fact is that Christ, like all of us, always had leisure for the thing He loved. And so when in the midst of all His stress, you find that Christ gave access to the children, you may learn certainly how much He loved them.

It is but seldom in the gospel story that you read of Christ as being much displeased. Yet one of the rare occasions in the gospel when we do read that Christ was much displeased was when the disciples sought to keep the children back. It was not done in anger but in kindness. They were distressed because Christ was overburdened.

But Christ for once made no account of motive, found no excuse in an intended kindliness; He chided His followers because they sought to bar Him from the child. My brother, there was something divine in that; but there was also something human. They were trying to keep from Him, although they knew it not, the very



company in which He most delighted. And that—that constant leisure for the child, that open access in the busiest day, is another sweet and subtle indication of the value of the children in His eyes.

### **Jesus loved to help children when they suffered.**

This impression once again is deepened by the appeal which the sufferings of children made to Him. He not only loved to watch them when they played; but He also loved to help them when they suffered. There were some appeals which Jesus disregarded, as that of the man who wanted a judgment on his property. There were some prayers that Jesus would not listen to, as when the healed demoniac prayed that he might follow Him.

But the one prayer that carried Him by storm, the one appeal He never could finally resist, was when a father or a mother came and used the words “My son”—“my little daughter.” Everything else must stand aside if it be a child that cries for healing. He cares not what all the mourners think of Him when He asks them unceremoniously to leave the room. With an intensity that we shall never fathom, because our hearts at their warmest are but cold, Christ felt the sufferings of little children.

The first healing miracle He wrought was wrought not on a man but on a child. The only cure He gave outside of Israel was given to a little Gentile girl. Of His three rescues from the grip of death, it was only Lazarus who was an adult. The other two who were brought back again were young.

You recall the scene on the Mount of Transfiguration, and how Peter would have had Him stay there forever. But Jesus could not stay and would not stay simply because the world was calling Him. And so He descended from the Mount of Glory to take up His cross again and be obedient, and the first to meet Him was an epileptic boy. It is as if, transfigured on the hill, He had heard the calling of the child. It is as if the writhings of that lad had pierced the radiance that enwrapped Him there. And so may we learn, brethren, if we will, from that irresistible appeal of childish suffering, how near and dear the children were to Christ.

### **Jesus delighted in the services of children.**

That impression received further vividness when we recall how Christ delighted in their services. He sometimes refused the service of a man; He never refused the service of a child. But the one service that He welcomed eagerly, and never checked, and never thought unworthy, was the sweet service of the little people. “There is a lad here,” said Andrew to Him. I think that one word “lad” was

all Christ wanted. There is a lad here with five small loaves, and he wants us to take them and make the best of them. I take it that Andrew was intensely tickled at a lad’s luncheon for five thousand people; but it was just the thing that Jesus loved. He wanted to use the offering of the boy. He wanted to show them that in Messiah’s kingdom a little child shall lead them.

And if that were so out on the hills of Galilee, how much more truly so in the last days, when the children flocked to the triumphal entry, and cried, “Hosanna to the Son of David.” Men had wanted to cry that before, and on every such occasion Christ had checked them.

## **WHEN THE CHURCH ... TENDS THE CHILDREN IT IS CERTAIN TO HAVE THE BLESSING OF THE MASTER.**

They had wanted to hail Him as Messiah, and Jesus had refused to be so hailed. But now the children break into that service—for praise is service just as much as alms, and Christ with a glad heart accepts of it. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings He felt that God was perfecting His praise. There was hope for the future, though the cross was coming, when He had won the hearts of little children.

### **Christ’s estimate of the child spirit**

The same impression is confirmed again by the estimate which Christ made of the child spirit. It was in the child that Jesus found the type of the true citizen of the heavenly kingdom. “Suffer the little children to come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Except ye become as little children, ye cannot even see the kingdom. To enter the kingdom it is by no means necessary that a child should grow into a man. But to enter the kingdom it is always necessary that a man should grow into a child.

Christ did not speak of the innocence of childhood. That innocence is gone and gone forever. He came to call the sinners to repentance. His kingdom is a kingdom for the

lost. He was thinking of the receptiveness of childhood, of its glorious freedom from the worldly spirit, of the love that fills it, of the hope that stirs it, of its simplicity and sublimity of faith.

When a man is far from home, in a strange country, he loves whatever reminds him of his home. Some glimpse of hill, some blossom like the heather, will bring a tenderness into his heart. And that, I think, was why Christ loved the children, and was always so exquisitely tender with them. He was a stranger in a distant land here, and the children reminded Him of home. Of such is the kingdom of heaven—the kingdom here, the kingdom in the glory. I say unto you that in heaven, yonder, their angels are looking on the Father’s face. Brethren, with such deep words from Jesus’ heart is it any wonder the child is precious now? Is it any wonder that the church which is His body gives of her best and noblest to their service?

### **“Feed the lambs” comes before “Feed the sheep.”**

And then this ever-deepening impression is crowned when Christ is risen from the dead. “Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou me?” “Yea, Lord”; then, “Feed my lambs.” Then twice over Simon was bidden feed the sheep. That repetition has the note of urgency. But it is not the sheep that are first mentioned, mark you. First of all is “Feed my lambs.” Still in the forefront of the love of Jesus, unchanged by Calvary and by the grave, still deep within His heart, there are the children.

My brother and sister, there are many voices that say to us today, “Amuse the children.” But this is the glory of the love of Christ that its command is “Feed the children.” And this is the wonder of the Christian gospel that, with great depths in it that none can fathom, it is so simple in its central message that you can tell it to the little child. Tell it, you mothers, to your children, then. Tell it, you Sabbath teachers, to your classes. Let your class witness when you meet in heaven that you were not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. So let us prosecute our work with patience, remembering how Jesus loved the children. ❧



Adapted from a sermon by  
Church of Scotland minister  
**Rev. George H. Morrison**  
(1866–1928).







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14. Cloverdale, British Columbia





Ministering to children can be challenging, frustrating, a blessing, fun, easy, difficult, impossible—all of these terms can apply. The command of our Saviour is to suffer the children to come unto Him, and oh, how we need His enabling power. As servants of the Lord, we look for many opportunities to do this. When I was in Orlando FPC, I had my Sunday school class of four to maybe eight children and the yearly vacation Bible school with well over fifty. I've always felt most comfortable with the little ones. But all that has changed since I came to Kenya.

The Lord has taken me out of my comfort zone and stretched me in many ways! There are multitudes of children and young people right at our door. I'll start with my door, or should I say, my gate. The ministry at my gate began a few years ago, with a group of children running behind my car as I would arrive home in the evening. There was always a bit of tension because if I were to stop suddenly, the children could be hurt bumping into the car. Their usual requests were for "chocolate" or "biscuits" (cookies). I did give something to them on occasion, but the Lord put into my mind the idea of a reward for learning verses of scripture. It is now a regular ministry with anywhere from 60 to 140 children coming two to four times a month. They queue up and recite or repeat after me one by one and receive a treat for their efforts. How I love looking into their beautiful eyes and lifting them up in prayer! More and more are able to recite without help. We have been following the Bible Memory Association memorization plan that I used as a child.



Each year I also have the privilege of ministering in the Sunday School Children's Parent Days when the children receive their prizes for the year. This year I was in Bikeke, a small church near Kitale with about 35 children, and also in Morchichi near the Ugandan border with close to 100 children. It is a challenge to keep the attention of so many little ones, but the Word is sown, and many take in more than we think.

A highlight of my week is devotion time with secondary students in the BCFC Christian Academy. We've read books (such as *The Holy War* and *Hinds Feet on High Places*), watched films, and been challenged by the Word of God. On a few occasions I have been able to speak with individual students one on one. Last year I received a letter from a female student asking for help because she was struggling with sin and desiring to follow the Lord. Her letter was filled with scripture. We were able to speak at a later date. When I ask her from time to time how she is doing, the



beam of her smile is lovely to see. A male student, who needed rebuke for an issue of deception, also wrote a letter, a letter of apology where he compared his life to Jacob, asked for forgiveness, and expressed a desire to go on with the Lord. Only the Lord knows what is going on in the hearts and lives of these precious children. At times there is open antagonism to the gospel, and at other times quiet attention is given. Proverbs 8:32–33 tells us, "Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not." That is our prayer for the many that we minister to here. ■



**Kathy Walker** is an FPCNA missionary who has been working in Kenya under the FPC of Ulster since 2006.



# ABUNDANCE OF CHILDREN IN LIBERIA



My involvement with the children's work in Liberia began with a series of Bible clubs during my visits there in 2008 and 2009. The first thing that impressed me was how many children there are! According to the UN Data Country Profile for Liberia, 42.9% of the population in 2013 was 14 years old and under. Many of these children live in single-parent families or with distant relations, especially in the wake of the Ebola epidemic, when an estimated 11,000 children in West Africa lost one or both parents.\*

More than ever before, our Sunday schools and Bible clubs need to be places where children are consistently presented with their need of salvation and systematically taught the facts and doctrines of God's Word, line upon line, precept upon precept. This is the kind of teaching that, when applied effectually by the Spirit of God to their hearts, will mold them into a generation of biblical Christians, because in most cases they will not receive this teaching at home.

I work currently with two of our three congregations in the Free Presbyterian Mission Church of Liberia. In the Paynesville church, we have a core group of twenty-five to thirty children who attend the Sunday school and Wednesday Bible club regularly, where Mr. Nathan Barco, one of the committee men,

assists. Every December we have an end-of-the-year program, when we invite parents and family members into the service, and the children present some of what they have learned. We also have an annual vacation Bible school when over a hundred children gather in from the community. This influx of children one week a year gives us some idea of the many who live in the immediate area of the church and need to be reached. Another annual event takes place on July 26<sup>th</sup> (Liberian Independence Day) when the Paynesville church hosts a day of games and food.

The Balla Creek congregation meets about thirty-minutes' drive from the Paynesville church. A young man named Abraham Kotee assists me there. We started a children's work in Balla Creek after holding a vacation Bible school there in 2013 which over two hundred children attended. Since then we have been meeting every Thursday for a Bible club with twenty to twenty-five children coming regularly. We held their first Children's Day program in June 2014, and we were encouraged by a few visitors from the area.

The third mission church is in Rivercess, about five-hours' drive from where I live, and I have been able to visit there only a few times since I moved to Liberia in 2012. It is my prayer that

someday I or another missionary will be able to spend longer periods of time in Rivercess in order to build up a children's ministry in that congregation.

We are so thankful for these open doors among the children and for the kids who are faithful and even eager to learn. But one or two hours a week hearing truth is very little when it is compared to all the other hours when their minds are bombarded with falsehood, superstition, and nonsense at home, school, and in the community. I have thought that someday the Lord may open a door to have a Christian school under our mission, but in the meantime, I try to spend as much time as possible with the children during the week, holding reading clubs and giving music lessons. Do pray that other missionaries will be called by God to come to Liberia and enter into this labor with the children. ■

\*Weintraub, Karen. "Finding Homes for Ebola's Orphans." Posted February 3, 2015. *National Geographic. News.nationalgeographic.com*. Accessed May 15, 2015.



**Joanne Greer** has served as a missionary in Liberia under the FPCNA since 2012.

# Spring Week of Prayer



Grace Free Presbyterian Church of Litchfield, New Hampshire, hosted the spring 2015 Week of Prayer and regular meeting of the presbytery May 11–15. It was the fourth time that the New Hampshire church was the venue for the Week of Prayer, with previous occasions being in 1994, 1999, and 2007. Rev. David McClelland has been senior pastor of the church since 2001, and together with the session and committee and members of the congregation provided a wonderful welcome and great care for the needs of all in attendance.

For most of those who attended, the Week of Prayer provided the first opportunity to see the recently enlarged church building, a strikingly beautiful facility that provides a comfortable and pleasant environment for the congregation and ample meeting space for the various committee meetings and other activities that occur during the Week of Prayer. Each day, the congregation furnished a meal for those in attendance and kept on hand a constant supply of refreshments that were very gratifying to all.

About thirty-five members of the presbytery, some accompanied by their wives and a few by some of their children, made the trip to southern New Hampshire. Among the men attending the Week of Prayer were two official delegates from the Ulster presbytery: Rev. Thomas Murray, minister of Comber FPC and the deputy moderator of the presbytery, and Rev. David Smith, minister of Ardarragh FPC. Each man preached during the week, and there were many opportunities for renewing fellowship with them. Members of the North American presbytery preached the Word at the three other prayer sessions during the week.

On Tuesday, May 12, Dr. Larry Saunders, moderator of the presbytery, convened the first of two regular meetings for the year. Among the first items was the election of officers. The presbytery voted to re-elect all of its officers, including in addition to Dr. Saunders, Rev. Myron Mooney as deputy moderator, Rev. David

Mook as clerk, Rev. Reggie Kimbro as deputy clerk, and Mr. George Robinson as treasurer. In addition, the members voted to reappoint Mr. Tim Farr as assistant treasurer. Rev. Aaron Dunlop expressed his desire to be relieved of the position of minute secretary, and accordingly, the presbytery voted to appoint Rev. Derrick Bowman to that position.

Much of the presbytery's business occurs now through the work of its committees, and several of them met extensively during the evening hours and lunchtimes when the main sessions were in recess. The Finance Committee issued its report on the denomination's accounts as of the end of 2014 and considered the various challenges that continue to face the presbytery in carrying out various missions.

To address the vacancy in the office of the seminary president after the April 15 resignation of Dr. Charles Barrett, the Seminary Committee reported the recommendation that Dr. Mark Allison should be appointed as interim president of Geneva Reformed Seminary for the 2015–16 academic year. The presbytery had already appointed Dr. Allison as acting president for the remainder of the current academic year. The moderator reported to the presbytery that he wrote to Dr. Barrett to express appreciation for his years of faithful service in the seminary. The Seminary Committee also reported that Rev. Richard Winston completed his doctoral degree, and the presbytery acted to send him a letter of congratulation for his achievement.

The focus of the Mission Board's report was on the return to the field of the missionaries to Liberia, Rev. David DiCanio and Miss Joanne Greer. The Mission Board directed their evacuation from the field in August 2014 in the face of the Ebola pandemic. The

reports the presbytery received indicated that no new cases of Ebola had been reported in Liberia for at least six weeks.

In addition, the presbytery heard reports on the devastation from the massive April 25 earthquake in Nepal, and another damaging earthquake that struck Nepal while the Week of Prayer was in progress. The presbytery discussed ways in which churches could pool their financial gifts so as to maximize their impact on the ground in Nepal. They learned that Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Graham returned to their home in Ulster during the time when the Week of Prayer was taking place. The Grahams, like many other residents of Nepal, had been living outdoors in makeshift shelters following the earthquakes.

The Constitutional Documents Committee reported continuing efforts to complete the *Book of Church Order*. The committee has reduced the number of sections remaining to be drafted to a number that may be completed by the end of 2015 so that the work of 2016 can be devoted to final editing and formatting of the entire document.

In dealing with some personnel matters, the presbytery assigned Mr. Roger Valenziano, a member of the GRS class of 2015, to his pastoral internship under the supervision of Toronto FPC. Rev. Andrew Farr, a licentiate who has been serving as an assistant in the New Hampshire church, advised the presbytery of his intention to pursue additional education which means he will end his position as a licentiate assigned to Grace FPC around the end of July. Having heard the report concerning the internship of Mr. Tim Davis, the presbytery accepted the mutual recommendation that he be released from the care of the presbytery and be returned to the care of his session until such time as he believes the Lord is directing him to a specific ministry.

As the presbytery prepared to adjourn on Thursday evening, May 14, the moderator reminded everyone that the next Week of Prayer and regular meeting of the presbytery will take place October 5–9 in the facilities of Covenant Free Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina. ■



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# Dethroning the Pope's Queen of Heaven



In October 2013 Pope Francis moved the image of Our Lady of Fatima from the Portuguese Shrine where it usually resides to Rome. The purpose of his action was to offer a Mass and consecrate the world to Mary (*National Catholic Register*, October 15, 2013). Clearly, Pope Francis is bound up in Mariolatry and worships the so-called Queen of Heaven. In a message at Vatican City on June 1, 2014, he stated, “She is already in the house of the Father, she is the Queen of Heaven, and so we invoke her at this time, but just as Jesus is with us, she walks with us, she is the Mother of our hope” (*Catholic News Agency*, June 1, 2014).

At another event on the same day he prayed, “May Mary, the Queen of Peace, assist us all with her maternal intercession. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.” Besides invoking Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Queen of Peace, Romanists also call her the Queen of the Universe, Queen of the Church, Queen of the Apostles, and Queen of Angels. It will be obvious to any who read the Word of God that the claims being made by this pope and the Church of Rome regarding Mary are contrary to Scripture. They are also in conflict with the Bible’s teaching on the person and work of Christ.

Rome ascribes to Mary many of the attributes of Christ. The Church of Rome claims that Mary was born sinless (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1994, paragraphs 491–492) and that she lived a sinless life (411). They say that Mary was a virgin all her life (499–500). They make her out to be a co-redeemer with Christ

(964–60) and say that she was taken up into heaven in her body (974) where she now serves as a mediator between men and Christ and dispenses grace to men (969–75). She sits as queen beside Christ in heaven and rules the world along with Him (966). She is to receive the worship and prayers of God’s people (971).

God’s people must understand that Rome’s statements regarding Mary are perversions of Scripture. There is absolutely no foundation in the written Word of God to support Rome’s claims about Mary. In fact, what it says about Mary often runs contrary to express statements of Scripture. Historians and theologians such as Augustine, Chrysostom, Ambrose, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, and even pope Gregory the Great opposed the doctrine of the “Immaculate Conception.” These men were merely following the Word of God, which is completely silent concerning Mary’s conception and birth.

The Scripture says that “there is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10) and that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). These universal statements apply to Mary as much as to the rest of us. The only person they do not apply to is Christ. Scripture declares that He is sinless (1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5; Hebrews 7:26). Also, the Scriptures are very clear that Mary had at least six other children and it even names her sons (Mark 6:3). In addition, there is also no mention of Mary’s being assumed bodily into heaven or of her helping in the work of salvation in any fashion. Paul asserts, “For there is one God, and one mediator between

God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5). If Mary were doing the work of mediatrix and intercessor, there would be two mediators between God and men, both Christ and Mary, and the apostle Paul would be wrong.

In conclusion, we must also note that people who worship Mary as the Queen of Heaven often consider her to have preeminence over Christ. Rome teaches that since she is the mother of Christ, she is able to turn the head of Christ to do her bidding. Roman Catholics believe that Christ is busy ruling the universe and may not have compassion for His people the way His mother Mary does. They say that if you can get hold of Mary’s heart and ear, she will then be able to convince her Son to answer your prayer. That is clearly evident in the prayers of Pope Francis mentioned above.

It is truly blasphemous, however, to think that anyone could have more compassion than the Lord Jesus Christ. It is He who invites us: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:22). And it is Christ’s throne of grace that Paul exhorts us to approach boldly “that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

We rejoice that the Lord Jesus Christ is on the throne and that He is not too busy to hear our prayers. As God, the second person of the Trinity, He is all-knowing to hear our prayers and He is all-powerful to answer them. As Jesus alone is the divinely appointed mediator between God and men there cannot be two mediators. Since Mary was merely human, subject to death, and in need of a Saviour herself, no such office was given to her.

We cannot allow this perversion of the gospel through which men and women are led to worship a false queen of heaven. We lament this lie of Mariolatry and pray for souls to be led out of its soul-destroying error. May they hear the words of the Saviour who said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6). It is Christ alone who can save and He will most certainly hear and answer the sinner’s cry for salvation. ■



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## RUNNING FOR MEXICO

This year Reformed Runners will be raising funds for Jason and Danielle Boyle as they serve the Lord in Mexico City. The race is in two parts—an overnight trail run June 19–20 in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia and an overnight road run November 6–7 hosted by Reformed Runners in Alabama. Pray for them and check out more race details and find out how you can support the effort at [www.reformedrunners.com](http://www.reformedrunners.com).

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN GREENVILLE

Faith Free Presbyterian Church held its annual VBS June 22–26. The theme this year was “Children in the Bible” and included Bible lessons, missionary focus, singing, crafts, and outdoor activities. The primary aim of the VBS is to win souls to Christ. Please pray that the Word sown will continue to bear fruit.

In July the church hosts another youth camp in Pennsylvania. Over 95 young people plan to attend this year. Pray that young people will be saved and encouraged to go on with God.

## ANSWER TO PRAYER IN ALLENTOWN

The Allentown church learned in June that it must find a new place to meet. The church has needed a permanent place of its own for some time and rejoices that an opportunity to purchase a church building has presented itself at just the right time. Their offer has been accepted and, the Lord willing, the deal will close soon.



## CONFERENCE IN ALABAMA

The For God & Truth Conference 2015, hosted by Trinity Free Presbyterian Church in Trinity, Alabama, will focus on the ministry of the church to the local body and in global missions. Messages will be presented on these topics from a historical and modern perspective with group roundtable discussions on developing a Reformed model for missions that addresses the gospel to every area of life. The conference will be held August 19–21, 2015. Register now at [www.forgodandtruth.com](http://www.forgodandtruth.com) for a refreshing time of great messages and fellowship as you learn more about “Christ for the Whole Man.”



## GRADUATION AT GENEVA REFORMED SEMINARY 2015

On Friday night, May 29, 2015, Geneva Reformed Seminary held its graduation service at Faith Free Presbyterian Church. Dr. Mark Allison, the acting president of GRS, led the meeting and conferred Master of Divinity degrees on three graduates: Tai Cheung (John) Tam, Roger Valenziano, and Adam Eshleman. Rev. Geoff Banister, chairman of the Seminary Committee, delivered the graduation address and preached from Jeremiah 20:9 on the theme of “Preaching the Gospel in a Post-Christian Era.” The Lord is leading each of the graduates to different fields of service: John Tam has received a call to pastor a Chinese Baptist Church in Houston, Texas; Roger Valenziano, who is under care of presbytery, will be working on his internship at Toronto Free Presbyterian Church, and Adam Eshleman will be continuing in his role as an assistant pastor under Dr. John McKnight at Reformation Bible Church in Darlington, Maryland. The graduation service was followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship room of Faith Free Presbyterian Church.



## WEDDING BELLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

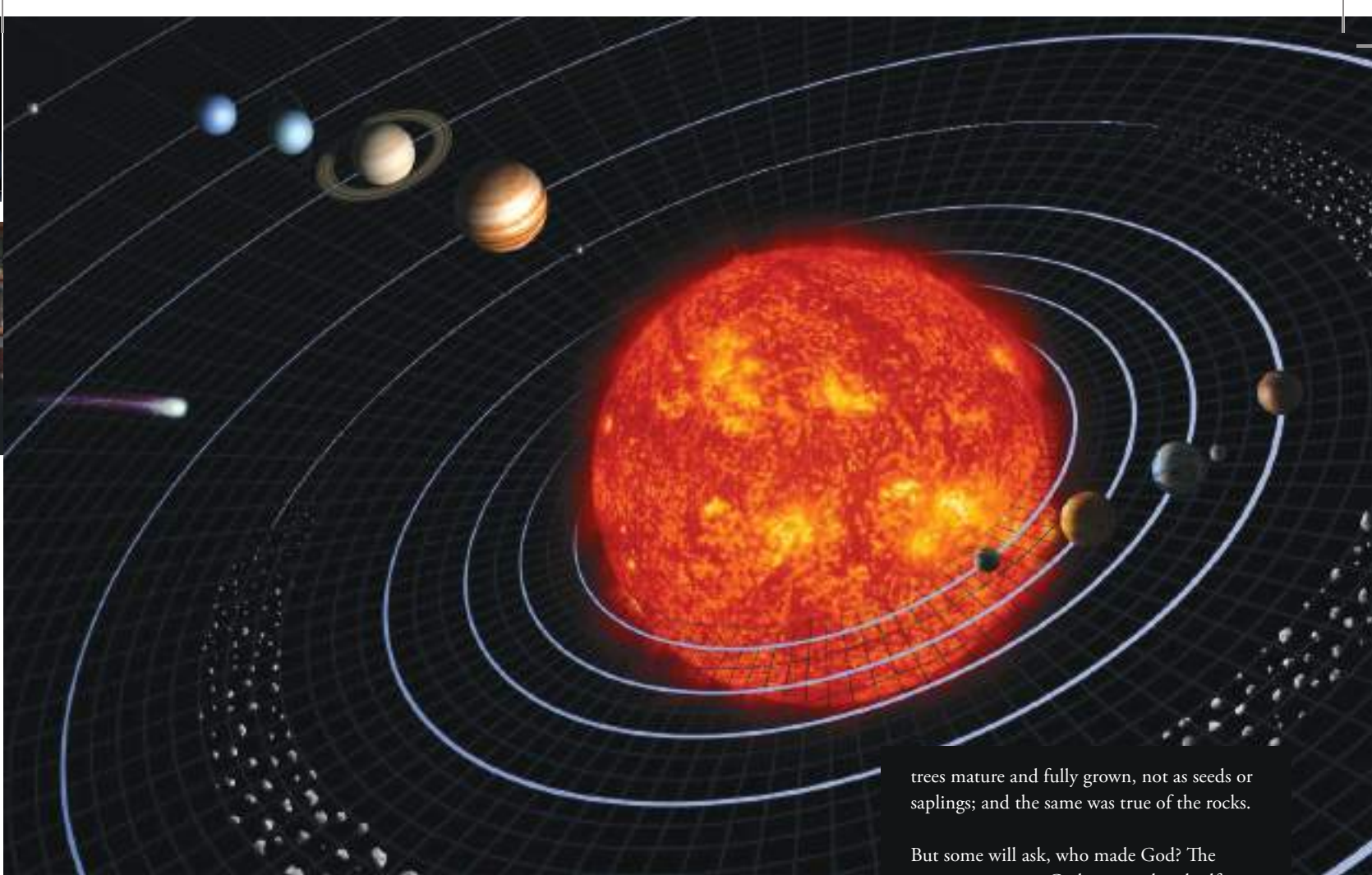
Sam Brown, who grew up in the Greenville church, married Sarah Enriquez on June 6. The couple plans to move to Georgia in July, where Sam will begin graduate studies in piano performance.

## NEWLYWEDS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Dwayne Fritz and Michelle Moberg, who first met at the Free Presbyterian church in Allentown a few years ago, were married on May 30, 2015. Their minister, Rev. Stephen Hamilton, officiated at the outdoor event at Canal Park, Walnutport, Pennsylvania. They plan to live in Allentown and continue to attend the church.







# Someone Had to Make It!

The famous German astronomer Johann Kepler was concerned about one of his friends who was an atheist. In order to convince him of the existence of God, Kepler made a model of our solar system, putting a lot of time and effort into the task.

One day his friend came to visit him in his observatory. When he saw the beautiful model it really captured his attention and he took a few minutes to examine it closely. Then, referring to the model, he asked the obvious question, "Who made this?" To which Kepler immediately replied, "No one, it just made itself." "Nonsense!" his friend exclaimed. "Someone had to make it." Kepler then looked tenderly and lovingly at his friend and explained, "You tell me that someone had to make this feeble little model, yet you want me to believe that no one made the universe."

How vital that lesson is, and I encourage you to remember it: everything has a creator. There is nothing that creates itself, let alone the great universe in which we live.

If you ask when did God create the universe, the answer is approximately six thousand years ago—not millions or billions of years ago! The exact date according to the calculations that Archbishop Ussher

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took from the Bible was Sunday 23rd October 4004 BC. And even if the rocks are accurately dated by scientists as being millions of years old or more that does not pose a difficulty because God created everything with apparent age. He created Adam as a man, not a baby. He created the

trees mature and fully grown, not as seeds or saplings; and the same was true of the rocks.

But some will ask, who made God? The answer is no one. God is eternal and self-existent. If someone made God, then that someone would be God. The Bible opens with the words, "In the beginning God." The truth is God has always been there.

Be in no doubt God is the creator of all things and He created you as well (John 1:3 and Psalm 100:3). It is vital never to forget that fact because there is a day coming when you will meet your Maker and you need to be ready for that day.

Did you ever ask why so many people want to deny that God exists? One reason is that they think if there is no God then they won't have to answer for how they have lived.

But there is a God and soon you will stand before Him. I urge you, "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). Prepare today by asking Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Saviour. ☒



From *The Paper Pulpit* by  
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# Delivered from a Dungeon

Cosette Landon

Have you ever heard the prophet Jeremiah called “the weeping prophet?” This has been a common name for him through the ages. He was named that because his ministry was filled with much heartache and he was called to be a spiritual leader at the time Israel was taken into captivity by their enemies. He saw their way of life destroyed and their homes taken away. It was a very heartbreaking time.

And there is something else that made the life of Jeremiah sad and lonely. As far as we know, he had not a single friend. Though he faithfully obeyed God’s call and was doing His will, we never read that he had any company in his misery or a companion to come along side—except once.

There was one man sent to the suffering prophet when he was at his lowest, one man whose kindness is a bright ray of sunshine in the

cloud-filled story of Jeremiah’s life: Ebed-Melech. Ebed-Melech is a hard name for us to spell and even harder to pronounce, but it was a beautiful name to a man in sorrow. Ebed-Melech is a name worth remembering, and he is an example for young people today.

After years of faithful service, Jeremiah ended up in prison by the hand of a king who hated him. And it was no ordinary imprisonment, but the very worst imaginable. This dungeon was so deep and so dark that it did not have an ordinary floor or door. In Jeremiah 38:6 we read, “And they let down Jeremiah with cords.” It goes on to say, “And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire, so Jeremiah sunk in the mire” (Jeremiah 38:6). The man of God had nowhere to take care of the needs of his body. He was rendered utterly helpless—left in filth, dampness, and terrible stench. If someone had not taken notice and delivered him quickly, his doom would have been sealed.

Someone *did* notice and took pity on the suffering prophet. Not only did Ebed-Melech, who was a servant in the king’s palace, notice, but he wasted no time in speaking up. He used his influence to make a plea for Jeremiah directly to the king: “My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is” (Jeremiah 38:9).

Ebed-Melech’s skillful dealing with the king got him the permission, supplies, and manpower needed to rescue God’s servant from the pit. He not only oversaw the rescue, but participated in it himself. And he made sure that Jeremiah was transferred to “the court of the prison” where he could be better looked after.

How like the Lord Jesus Ebed-Melech was in his rescue of the perishing prophet! Is this not a reminder of our dear Saviour seeing us in the helpless state of sin, pleading for us to His heavenly Father, and coming to live and die for our salvation? Is there someone to whom you can show kindness today—someone with whom you can share the gospel of salvation through Christ? Take note of the suffering of those who are perishing in your world and do the work of an Ebed-Melech. Pray for them and by God’s grace do whatever you can to show them the way of deliverance from sin.



## A WORD WORTH KNOWING

### Ebed-Melech

Hebrew word meaning a servant of the king

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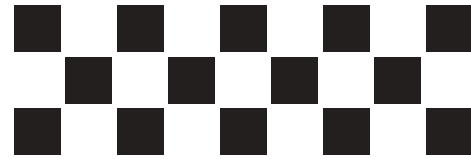
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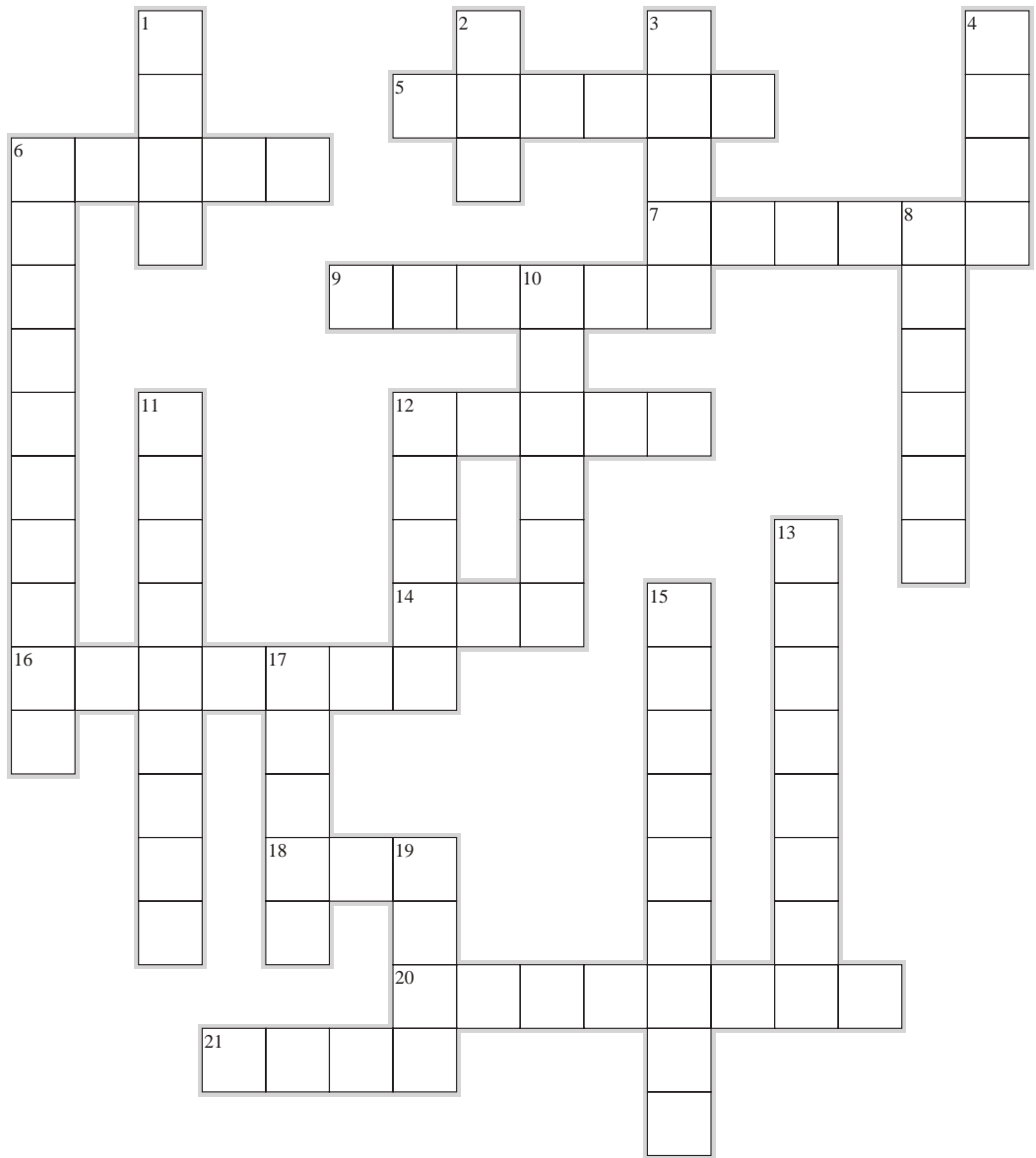


# Kid's CROSSWORD Puzzle



## Across

5. "The children of Israel \_\_\_\_ by reason of the bondage." (Exodus 2:23)
6. "For thou hast delivered my soul from \_\_\_\_." (Psalm 116:8)
7. "But be \_\_\_\_ unto all men." (2 Timothy 2:24)
9. "And a light shined in the \_\_\_\_." (Acts 12:7)
12. "So they drew up Jeremiah with \_\_\_\_." (Jeremiah 38:13)
14. "When he \_\_\_\_ him, ... had compassion." (Luke 10:33)
16. "I will be with him in \_\_\_\_." (Psalm 91:15)
18. "But I will deliver thee in that \_\_\_\_." (Jeremiah 39:17)
20. "And to godliness brotherly \_\_\_\_." (2 Peter 1:7)
21. "He shall \_\_\_\_ his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)
11. "Now when Ebed-Melech the \_\_\_\_ ... heard." (Jeremiah 38:7)
12. "Mine enemies chased me sore ... without \_\_\_\_." (Lamentations 3:52)
13. "I will ... restore \_\_\_\_ unto him." (Isaiah 57:18)
15. "The Spirit maketh intercession ... with \_\_\_\_." (Romans 8:26)
17. "And he brake the \_\_\_\_." (Luke 8:29)
19. "For now will I break his \_\_\_\_ from off thee." (Nahum 1:13)



## Down

1. "\_\_\_\_ his voice." (Hebrews 4:7)
2. "He brought me up also out of an horrible \_\_\_\_." (Psalm 40:1)
3. "For out of prison he cometh to \_\_\_\_." (Ecclesiastes 4:14)
4. "Ye shall be \_\_\_\_ indeed." (John 8:36)
6. "The LORD \_\_\_\_ them." (Psalm 34:17)
8. "He took him by the right hand, and \_\_\_\_ him up." (Acts 3:7)
10. "Nor hid \_\_\_\_ from mine eyes." (Job 3:10)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please send your completed puzzle to *Current Kids' Corner*, Attn: Mrs. Rachel Carper, 3 Elmira St., Greenville, SC 29615, or by email to [rcarper@bjv.edu](mailto:rcarper@bjv.edu) by September 29, 2015. Include your name, address, age, and the name of the church you attend. Five winners will be drawn from all correct submissions received. The contest is open to young people ages 5-12, and winners will receive a \$10 cash prize.

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**JULY 11–18**

Free Presbyterian Youth Camp at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Pennsylvania

**JULY 20–27**

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**AUGUST 19–21**

For God & Truth Conference 2015, Trinity Free Presbyterian Church in Trinity, Alabama

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