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"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away". Acts 13:2-3

This April will begin mine and Judy's 35th year as missionaries with the Rock of Ages. Needless to say, we have seen the Lord do amazing things over the years. I used the above verses for a special reason; it was actually over 35 years ago when we made application with the Rock of Ages and these verses have been the security we needed then and now! We prayed and asked for a verse from the Lord and Acts 13:2-3 became that verse.

It was our pastor (Gene Stokes) and our home church (Faith Bible Baptist Church) that begin to support us financially before we had ever been accepted with the ministry. Our home church still continues to be a major supporter through their fellowship and prayers. Our pastor (Robert Barrow) continues to be a friend and supporter of Rock of Ages and especially to me and Judy.

The Lord began to add new friends and partners with the ministry. I noticed a few months ago that the largest part of our supporters have been with us over 25 years and several over 30. Thank you to all that have stayed faithful for these many years and to those that have partner with us in recent years. By His Grace we are looking forward to serving with each of you for many years to come.

The past few months have been extremely busy both with ministry and personal needs. With space limited I would like to ask you to join with us in prayer over a few special needs.

- The Lord has opened the door to a middle east ministry. Through the faithfulness of a missionary partner we have been able to meet a national man that has a burden to reach prisoners throughout his country and to plant a church. Given the delicate nature of the work I am choosing not to give the country's name. We as a ministry have stepped out by faith to support this brother. He is unable to raise funds in his own country. We have already worked with his pastor and our missionary friend and we have accepted this brother as a Rock of Age Missionary. He will need \$1500 monthly for both the prison work and the church plant. Please pray and if you would like more info give me a call and I can share more verbally.

Pray we can move forward in these troubling times.

- **URGENT PRAYER:** Given the situation going on in Ukraine pray for our missionary family Alex and Natasha and their boys. Alex has served with us faithfully for 20 years. Pray for their safety and the country.
- **ALABAMA CAMPAIGN:** At this time, we have 5 institutions that have given the go ahead for invitation and preaching. We still haven't heard from the Montgomery County Jail and the Women's facility. Pray the Lord will intervene in the hearts of the officials. The dates are February 21-24, pray for the many volunteers traveling in to help.
- **PERSONAL NEED**
 1. Judy and I have been sick since the day after Christmas. I have been fortunate to have only been down a total of four days. It started out with a three-day stomach virus and then Covid. The Lord gave me great mercy knowing I needed to be well to help out with things. Judy on the other hand has not done so well. As I write this letter, we have made a couple Urgent Care visits, two emergency room visits and Judy has been hospitalized. It appears (at this time we are unsure) the new symptoms of the most recent variant is not respiratory but deals with the digestive systems. Please pray for Judy, she has been in a great amount of pain for over 10 days. Pray the doctors can pen this down and she can finally get some relief.
 2. Recently, my sisters have notified me that my mom is digressing very quickly. Please pray for mom and for my brothers and sisters as we work together to help mom at this time of her life.

Missionaries,

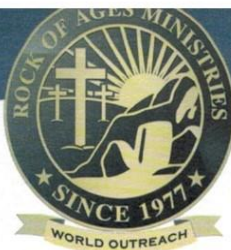
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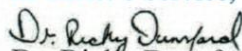
2Ti 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

This coming May will be 31 years since we began our first journey overseas. As doors began to open worldwide, we realized that we would need help to reach the over 10,000 incarcerated men and women. It was apparent that the national men and women servicing faithfully in their local churches was the answer. We then ask many of you to partner with us to commit to faithful men that they may reach and teach their people. As I studied this passage, I notice the definition of *'commit'* means *to place alongside or commit to, by implication it means to deposit*. As Titus Partners, you have made a deposit in the lives of so many both by helping to support our national missionaries and through the thousands of souls that have been saved through their faithful labor. As a result of these faithful missionary families, hundreds of volunteer partners work with the Rock of Ages here in the US and all around the world! This month would you join with me to pray for these families as they continue to spread the gospel in their native lands.

Mircea & Ronela Cristian, Romania	27 years
John & Silvana Alves, Brazil	20 years
Mauricio & Delfina Arruda, Brazil	20 years
Deleth De Araujo, Brazil	20 years
Jun & Tess Monderin, Brazil	18 years
Mark & Violeta Waddington, Romania and USA	18 years
Alex & Natalia Fishchenko, Ukraine	16 years
Reinaldo & Aline Mendes, Brazil	12 years
Caphias & Cynthia Mulaisho, Zambian.	6 years
Bruno Santos, Brazil	6 years
Jonas & Silvana Demasenu, Brazil	5 years
Zsolt & Beatrice Kovacs, Hungary	4 years
Rod & Natalia Dinardi, Brazil	3 years
Brother Aymen, Middle East	1 Month

Because of your faithfulness these families have been able to remain faithful.

In Christ's Service,


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