



#### May/June 2021

## **Connecting People, Nations and Continents for the Great Commission**

"But those who wait for Yahweh's grace will experience divine strength. They will rise up on soaring wings and fly like eagles, run their race without growing weary, and walk through life without giving up." Isaiah 40:31 (TPT)

## WAITING and HOPING

Waiting on the Lord is not a passive exercise, but requires patience, anticipation and expectation in order to experience God's Grace and Strength. To wait in His presence takes us above our circumstances, revives our spirits and fills us with hope so we can stand firm in our faith. *Proverbs* 13:12 says "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

2020 and 2021 definitely have been times to exercise our faith. Like so many others, our plans have been put on hold while we sort through new methods of ministry to encourage and build up God's people. It is imperative that we take advantage of the technology available in order to accomplish what God has called us to do: Share His Word, pray prayers of blessing and healing and provide funds/resources to help meet physical needs. The need to train, equip and encourage frontline heroes is imperative. How we achieve that goal certainly looks different since we are "grounded "for now. Fortunately we have a couple of friends who are eager to educate us on tech savvy issues that will enable Gateway Missions to take a quantum leap forward. What used to take a great deal of time and money to do internationally is now more cost effective and streamlined. Pray for us as we make the needed adjustments to ensure pastors and church leaders continue to receive the ministry and training they want and need. Thank you for your patience and support for this ministry. You are always in our thoughts and prayers as we co-labor toward completing the Great Commission.

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**



Pastor John Oscar (pictured top left) is a key pastor in Mbeya, Tanzania, and is a tireless minister of the Gospel. We became good friends after Gateway Missions led a Pastors and Church Leaders Conference in Mbeya in 2014. He is a very kind and passionate leader with great vision. He invited me and three other ministers to join him on a Facebook Live session in March. We talked for over an hour about how the Great Commission is a call for every believer to participate in and about the goodness and power of God. As we spoke from the comfort of our homes, I noticed people making comments from various nations. I rejoiced that during our short time together online, we were joined by people in China, Sweden, UK, Malaysia, Kenya, South Africa, East Africa, USA, India and the Netherlands! The world is definitely at our fingertips!

## CHURCH ON THE ROCK – MEN'S BREAKFAST





I spoke at our Church on the Rock Men's Breakfast in March. I always enjoy the fellowship and getting to share a meal and God's word with men who are passionate about living for Christ. My message was about taking God's Promises to heart which enable us to walk by faith in His perfect will empowered by the Holy Spirit. As we give Him our best every day, our character is conformed to the image of Jesus Christ and we bear fruit for His Kingdom.

# GARY ANDREW HUDSON-A LIFE REMEMBERED



I still have several old friends that I keep up with on Facebook. It is fun seeing how we have all changed over the years, now that we are showing a little wear. Most of us still embrace the values we were raised with: God, Country, Family, and Freedom. My longest and dearest friend was Gary Andrew Hudson. We met in the fourth grade. But it was in high school that we bonded and became really close friends. Gary (Andy) was a fun guy, really easy going and extremely loyal. Everyone deeply loved him. Andy moved to Florida several decades ago and I remained in Texas. Thankfully the miles and the years were never an obstacle

between us. We always stayed close to each other. My dear friend Andy passed away last April 17, 2020, as a results of heart failure and cancer. On April 17, 2021, Jane Ann and I were in Orlando, Florida to officiate his memorial service and to say our last goodbyes.

"A dear friend will love you no matter what." Proverbs 17:17 (TPT)

Run the race,

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

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I spoke with Pastor Donato, one of our interpreters in Cuba today and things are extremely difficult there. The cost of food is terribly expensive and being sold on the black market. The people of Cuba are suffering dreadfully. The pastors will continue to bring the message of HOPE in CHRIST. With your help Gateway Missions will keep on sending support to help our friends, not only in Cuba, but around the world.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

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