



MINISTRIES

I grew up in a traditional Baptist church where we sang hymns every Sunday. As a young teenager, I recall paying close attention

to the ministers on the platform soon after surrendering to ministry. One thing stood out to me about my pastor, Brother Jack Overton: he never used a hymnal. I mean never...not on Sunday morning, not on Sunday night, not on Wednesday prayer meeting. I never saw him use a hymnal even at funerals. However, he never seemed to miss a word of any hymn we sang! I began to consider that in order to be a good minister in the church, I needed to memorize the hymnal.

Although the words of most hymns were rooted in Scripture, I learned it wasn't the hymns that my pastor knew so well, but it was the Word of God. The hymns were natural results of writers who encountered the Almighty through His Word and were simply responding to Him out of their hearts. My pastor did know most of the hymns in the book, but more importantly he knew the words of the The Book! May I ask you how well do you know the Word of God?

In evangelism training one of the tools used is repetition. I usually repeat key points, critical passages, and major principles multiple times. In Islam repetition is used in the training of children in the Koran by having them sit in groups and repeat each section over and over again until done from memory completely. Repeating the words of a Scripture truth over and over again will allow you to sink it deeper and deeper into your mind and heart.

Dr. Chuck Kelley, past president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, taught my evangelism class one semester, and I remember his tactics worked on me. Every time we walked in the room, we had to write out the verses from the Roman Road from memory. By the end of that class, I not only could write them from memory, but could share them with explanation from memory and with passion.

Over the next month, I challenge you to read, learn, and memorize these verses and their meanings. By the end of the month they will be tools that the Father will use in conversation if you will commit them to your head and heart.

- *Roman 1:16 - I am not ashamed of the Gospel for IT is the power of God unto salvation.*
- *Romans 2:4 - ...It is God's kindness that draws us to repentance.*
- *Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of God's glory.*
- *Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*
- *Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- *Romans 10:9-10 - If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

We live in a day and time where absolute truth is rarely shared openly. Many times people will not the truth in any form. Yet, the Lord was clear when He expressed the need for you and me to be His witnesses in our back yards, in our towns, in our states, and all the way to the ends of the earth! I believe, if we as the Body of Christ will return to boasting in the cross and speaking the words of the Savior to one another, we will once again see the hand of God at work. Our land may not be healed and restored, our comfort may not return as it once was in this world, and we may not feel like we are in control of our lives ever again. But if we will seek His face and His Kingdom first, He will take care of our needs.

This pandemic is not easy. It may not ever be easy again. However, Jesus said He will carry our heavy load and we can trust in Him for every breath. I pray that as we enter the second half of this year, you will join me in a return to the Word and once again make the Bible primary in your life. Read it, study it, memorize it, and live it! Jesus has promised to do the work of making us fishers of men if we will simply follow Him. Join me as we reach our world with His truth and teach His Word with boldness and passion!





Since November of 2019, we have not set foot in another country for mission work. We miss our friends, partners, and family in Guatemala, Slovenia, and Peru desperately. In order to keep our participants and our partners safe, and to follow the CDC guidelines, we are unable to travel until the countries are at a Level 2 alert. While we have seen many other groups go, we have spoken with our partners and know that the best thing we can do to protect them is to wait. We do not want to be a part of spreading this virus.

We are still hopeful that the medical clinic to Guatemala will take place in November. Guidelines for travelers may include vaccinations (as they always have for certain countries), so if you are a participant, please prepare accordingly. In addition, the list below includes medicine and supplies needed for the clinic. Please consider offsetting the cost or donating these items to One Way Ministries so that the money for the trip can go further and help more people!



Guatemala Medical Clinic Needs

Adult vitamins	Eye Drops
Children's vitamins	Wound Cleaner
Aspirin	Adult Cough Medicine
Chewable Aspirin	Clorox wipes/Lysol Wipes
Self-adhering elastic bandages (2")	Children's Cough Medicine
Adult Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Misc. eyeglasses
Ankle Supports	Cough Drops
Children's Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Masks
Knee Supports	Antacid Tablets
Adult Ibuprofen	Hand sanitizer (Liquid and wipes)
Ziplock Snack Bags	Acid Reducer
Children's Ibuprofen	Boxes of gloves
Band-aids (all sizes)	Pepto-Bismol
Antibiotic Ointment	Cold Medicine
Adhesive Bandages, asstd. sizes	Adult Allergy Medicine
Pregnancy Tests	Children's Cold Medicine
Gauze	Children's Allergy Medicine
Anti-itch Creams	Petroleum Jelly
Athletic Tape	Nasal Relief Spray
Anti-fungal Creams	Hydrogen Peroxide
Paper Tape	Vitamin C Drops
Hemorrhoid Cream	Isopropyl Alcohol
Sutures	Lice Treatment
Diaper Rash Cream	Cotton Balls
IV Administration sets	Q-tip/Cotton swabs
	Specimen Collector Swabs

