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The Theme of the Ages PEACE

Today as much or more than every before, the headliner in many of our conversations, especially as we watch or read the news is, "PEACE". For all of history we talk of peace because we live so much of our lives with wars going on in our world.

Recently our pastor, Tim McConnell, has been preaching on a series called, "How to Get What You Want". And on this particular Sunday it was about Peace, using the example of the Rich Young Ruler. It brought out that there are at least 3 areas in which we want PEACE.

1). We want world peace - few of us can actually do anything about that, other than watch and pray. 2). We want outer peace. We want our city, our community, our church, our family and friends and kids to be at peace. 3). And thirdly, we want inner peace. In my own heart, in my own spirit, to be like a quiet lake, so still, reflecting the beauty of the heavens, infinite beauty and peace.

The kind of peace that seems to trouble all of us the most is, Inner Peace. We have issues with money, with family tension, our leaders political differences, with immigration, with our spouses, our children, with health issues that are heavy on our hearts when we try to sleep, our relationship with God and Jesus, and more. Are you living in fear and frustration that you cannot do anything about, unsolvable problems, it seems the world is crashing in on you?

For Inner Peace there truly is a solution.

What to do with all of this? Turn to Jesus. Do you want real peace? Then you want the Prince of Peace. You want Jesus. *You must have Jesus*.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29) "Come to me", says Jesus.

UPDATE BELIZE

CAYO SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ARTS



"Now faith, is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Praise God, I will soon be completing my 7 weeks of radiation treatment for cancer. My team of doctors all seem to agree that I will be ready to go back to my normal routine of life, which will include continuing with plans to commence with our school of music and art.

As a reminder, A Christian rancher in Colorado has offered a Matching Funds Incentive for this year of up to \$60,000.-.

As of now, we have been able to raise almost 2/3 or \$40,000.- of our share of the matching challenge. We still have 1/3 or \$20,000 yet to raise. This is a wonderful opportunity for our friends and churches to participate in this project of building a school of music and arts for the purpose of reaching especially children in the district of Cayo, Belize through music, art and the Word.

It seems to be a lot of money but let's break it down into small bites of \$5K, \$1K or less. We will see our vision quickly come to fruition. If we can raise \$60,000 to match our brother's challenge, we will already have raised half of the cost to build the entire facilities.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 we read,

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Give as unto the Lord.



A Message from our Friends and Supporters of Friendship International

Walt and Jan Schumacher Yuma, AZ

We have been friends and supporters of Friendship International and the Director, Del Huff, since 2004. It has been a privilege for us to have served several occasions on mission trips and celebrated various events for the mission as honored guests.

We would like to share our heart about the future of the mission. There is a saying..... "You can't take it with you when your gone...." that brings us to say you should consider a contribution to Friendship International via RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) it's where the government requires all of us over the age of 70+ to take money from our retirement accounts.

We have found that instead of giving more money to the government on April 15th, we designate our RMD to charitable 501(c)3 organizations like FI. It's truly a double blessing since we don't have to claim the money towards income and pay more taxes. We get to use it as a donation to bless others.

If you need more information on how to do this just check with your financial advisor or whomever is handling your retirement accounts. We hope you will prayerfully consider this as a viable option in furthering the work of our Lord and putting your treasures in heaven. All of us should keep in mind that we, in our elder years, need to keep the younger generations in mind if we want them to follow Jesus.

May we highly recommend that you consider donating RMD funds to the Cayo School of Music and Arts for young Belizeans?

Tax deductible receipts are available.

You may send your checks, marking clearly how you would like it used, to:

Friendship International, P.O. Box 50884 Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0884 Tel. 719-510-1540

Or go to our website - friendshipintl.org, click on the "Donate" button at the top, after you reach the Give to FI page, select the fund - Belize School of Music & Arts.

AN URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FROM ROMANIA

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Adi and his family need our prayers, encouragement and support, right now. Please lift them up to the Lord in prayer. If you have a way to contact them, send them a note or a little extra support for their expenses. God bless.



Adi & Tabita Muscan Friendship Camp, Romania

Adi has been in the Hospital in Oradea for surgery and treatment. We are thankful for Ruben, our son, who drove us to the hospital, because Adi couldn't and I was not able. Adi is now patched up, but he isn't ready to show his hand yet. He is healing well but it's hard for him to talk about the accident. It's a sensitive subject for him. He will do this when he is ready. Thank you for your prayers, we really appreciate it.

SOME DAYS LATER - from Adi

About my accident, the wounds started to heal, my hand is still swollen and painful. I've been on some very powerful medicine to keep it bearable. I am now having various tests to find out what caused the black out that ultimately caused the accident. The piece of wood I was working with literally crushed my fingers, and I realize now it was the pain that woke me up, so I didn't fall on the saw blade. I am able to stand now, on my feet, because God wakened me, by His Grace and Love, and only His Grace and Love. Yes, I'm suffering pain on the outside, but I'm so thankful and blessed in my heart.

Probably it will take a couple of months to heal, and many things to be learned again but I'll take one day at a time. In fact, I used to pray for being a good testimony no matter what, and now is the time to prove that more than ever. I can say that many things changed, my left hand is now the right, and doing normal things that I did before, sometimes is like driving for the first time in England, where everything is the other way around.

I am so thankful to my family, for their patience and love through all of this, even with a left handed me, now.

Above all, love prevails, and this is one of the most wonderful things entrusted to us by our Lord, to be shared and to be received when these times come. I pray, when these times come, I will share His love, compassion, empathy with those who need it.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Report on Humanitarian Trip to Ukraine

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

With the Lord's help, we returned from our trip to Ukraine, to complete the project I shared with you last month. God was with us and gave us the victory we needed. I saw how the devil was fighting to prevent us from doing this work, but he was unable to

stop us. I felt your prayers and those of others whom I asked to pray. I share with you an experience a day before leaving for Ukraine. The company we had planned to rent a trailer to transport the car, refused to collaborate with us. We reached an impasse of not having any other option for transport. We even thought about postponing the entire trip. But the Lord is sovereign over all and after making a few phone calls to friends and brothers, we found another possibility and it was resolved in a few hours. So we were able to set off at dawn the next day. The road was difficult. Being very loaded, we drove slowly, and after many more hours than we had planned, we arrived at customs. Here I had another problem because the Ukrainian customs officers asked me for more documents than I knew I needed, and we were not prepared. We reached an agreement with them, telling them that the car would go to the army, and then everything changed for the better. In all, I knew that every good work for His glory would be tested in one way or another.



Pastor Radu Ungur

Arad, Romania







After all the army road stops on the way to Cernauti, we arrived at the Romanian Christian Center, handed over the car, documents and supplies to brother pastor Vitalyk. This brother was going to transport the car and food supplies we had brought, directly to the front line of the war zone the following week. Everything was taken to a Chaplain/Pastor who works right next to the war zone. Praise the Lord, their needs were met by what we were able to deliver. Just one week before the car and supplies arrived, a Russian drone, hit the minibus our brothers used for ministry. The Lord protected their lives, with only a few minor injuries, but their vehicle was completely destroyed. The Lord was with them, but their means of transportation was gone, thankfully, God spared their lives. The Lord is good. Our assistance with the car and supplies came exactly after this incident. God accomplishes His miracles, whether through saving these Chaplains' lives or through the supplies we were able to give them. All is to be a living and extraordinary testimony that God cares and protects His people. The losses are often great but the glory of God in such situations is much greater.

You, brothers and sisters, who gave for this project, were part of His wonderful blessing to God's servants on the front line. May God bless you and continue to give you a generous heart for the advancement of the Gospel in this way.



I set out on this journey, together with my son Filip who helped me, under God's divine protection and under the beautiful words found in Psalm 23. He remains our Shepherd, we just stand in His presence and let ourselves be led by Him in all aspects of life.



Brothers of the same faith, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done for them. In one of the pictures, I saw the American flag on a street and my thought came to you there, I took the picture and I send it to you, symbolically.

May the love of Jesus Christ be with you all and together let us serve Him faithfully, Glory to God.