

Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

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We need you and are grateful for you! You are making the way for us to share the gospel with the lost and encourage spiritual growth in believers – worldwide! Thank you for your gifts and prayers.

Summer Camp: My week as Camp Pastor with Child Evangelism Fellowship was tremendous! CEF is the largest children's ministry in the world. I saw more than 70 decisions for Christ, as I preached the evening services. The decisions were for salvation, assurance of salvation, and relationship problems.



The Holy Spirit moved in so many hearts all week.

Many decisions were also made throughout the week with the staff, as we focused each morning with a devotion and Bible study I led on **The Believers Crucifixion with Christ**, based on Galatians 2:20.

Eyes were opened as many saw for the first time their position, *in Christ*. I'm still receiving e-mails of thanks! Glory to God!

Help at Berclair: I continue to help Berclair Baptist Church, when I'm in Memphis as they prayerfully seek a new pastor. I baptized six people two Sundays ago. Even tonight a man prayed to receive Christ after the message I preached: **How to be Sure You are Saved.**

You may want to request this liberating message. Many people are wondering, "*Am I really saved?*" Write to us and we will send you this message immediately.

If you are in Memphis, please consider stopping by Berclair Baptist at the corner of Perkins and Summer. Surprise me. I would love it!

Abiding Above in Kenya: Rev. Daniel Kubira Khatera is our leader in the Abiding Above Discipleship School in Kenya, East Africa. Daniel is 34. He and his wife Beatrice have three children, including an adopted child.

Daniel was saved in 1990 and baptized in 1991. Then he was personally discipled by an American from 1991 to 1994. He has pastored two churches and has been involved in the planting of eight churches.



The Abiding Above Discipleship School in Africa.

Rev. Khatera is doing a wonderful job in organizing leaders to use the lessons we provide through your gifts to hundreds of people in Africa. Daniel has opened one center for discipleship and plans to open five more as he disciples and trains key people to help him further the work of Abiding Above Ministries in Africa.

Thank you for making this happen! Just think. While we are reaching people here in our homeland we are also reaching people in a far away land. I call this compounded interest that will reap eternal rewards! We need you! They need you! Glory to God!

Prison Ministry: Pray for me as I prepare for a conference with hundreds of prisoners in Arkansas. This will keep me on the road alot during the month of August. I will be teaching these men in a chapel they built with their own hands "**The Freedom We Have in Christ.**" God's Word teaches we should never condone sin but must always love and share Christ with the sinner.

Many of these men are already saved, but many others *will be* saved. I just know it! Think about it: A life sentence is not long compared to eternity. No matter what they have done, if they put their trust where God put their sin on Jesus, they will be saved and be with us in heaven one day. God has put a message on my heart for them that they can be free eternally, though they are bound temporarily. Think of countless people not behind bars but living in self-made prisons. Oh, how I long for everyone to know eternal freedom in Christ!

Closing Prayer: I pray right now for each person who will read these words.

*Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what is done for Christ will last.
And, when I am dying, how glad I will be
That the light of my life was burned out . . . for Thee.*

Father, illumine their minds to eternal things by your Holy Spirit, protect them from the subtle spirit of this world, prosper them and bless all they put their hands to is my prayer for all of these dear ones.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Seated with you at His right hand,

Chris S. Hodges
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Colossians 3:1-3