

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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It is my prayer this newsletter finds you doing well as you continue to walk along with Jesus Who is your Life!

Every now and then someone will ask me, “Why Africa, Uruguay, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Russia, or Puerto Rico?” Meaning, why travel to so many places when we need to put God back in America again?



We Need Spiritual Revival:

I love America too and I agree with them we need spiritual revival desperately. I spend far more time preaching here in America than any other country. **This year we hope to go on radio in America!** But, we must take into prayerful consideration our God given responsibility to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord.

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* **Matthew 28:18-20**

We must guard ourselves from being exclusive. What if the gospel had spread only as far as Jerusalem and the surrounding cities of that region? You and I would not know the answer to life after death, heaven and hell, and the cross of Jesus Christ. Thank God the gospel is spread around the world by faithful men and women who left their comfort zone to follow our Lord’s command **“Go ye therefore.”**

The reason America is still a great nation is because someone from afar told our forefathers about Jesus. As a result we came to these shores for religious liberty. To worship Jehovah God of the Bible. We built this nation on the principles found in the Word of God.

The greatest example known to man of fulfilling God's command of reaching all nations is when God the Father sent God the Son away from heaven and all its glory to come to this earth for the purpose of redeeming fallen man to Himself. That included you and me.

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

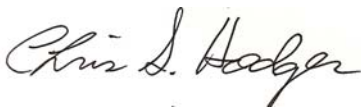
Prison Ministry In Atlanta: It was my privilege to travel to Atlanta, Georgia where I ministered to many inmates at the large prison facility there. Every year this is arranged for me by my friend Chaplin Barry Singer. It is always successful when you are ministering to those who are at the end of their rope, captives of sin, and ready to listen for the first time in their life. We saw many pray to receive Christ.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

Luke 4:18-19

Please consider supporting this ministry on a monthly basis and make this ministry your ministry. There is no amount too small. Your financial support is needed and appreciated. I want you to know I am simply trusting God to provide. From the bottom of my heart, I stand grateful for all you have done. Look at what God has done in just over 3 years (36 months)!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3

PS – If you would like a copy of my sermon “Bringing America Back!” Please write to us at the address on this letter and we will send you a free copy.