

Abundant life

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

To be perfectly honest, the disciples' expectations were not all spiritually motivated. We see evidence of this from time to time, such as when James and John asked for the chief seats in the kingdom. Most of them had hoped to see an earthly, materialistic, and economic kingdom. Although they had left all to follow Jesus, they did so with an expectation that they would be rewarded. Indeed, they would, but not with cabinet positions after a successful coup. Their full and final reward would be in the age to come.

Jesus promised us abundant life, which is different from worldly wealth. He promised us eternal life, but we must pass through physical death. He promised us power, which we have through the indwelling Spirit of God. Someone who doesn't assign these blessings the same value God does will be disappointed. Eventually eleven of the Twelve grew wise. Judas however, refused to see things from the Lord's perspective.

– by John MacArthur

PARTNERSHIPS

SOUTH AMERICA – Carl will be meeting with the Word of Life National Directors in May. With the Copa America Soccer competition in July, WOL have placed an order for 250,000 copies, with a 50/50 funding arrangement. Carl will also be promoting the ongoing use of the paper as well as raising the funding to print in country to alleviate the need for Challenge to constantly be raising funds to print in each country.

NEW ZEALAND – The paper has been supplied intermittently to N.Z. over the last couple of years, primarily for specific events and seasons. A new partnership is being formed with Assist Ministries headed up by John Jones and we look forward to a regular distribution happening once again. This is great timing as they will commence distribution with the Rugby World Cup edition. Hopefully, this will be a self funded edition so again there is no additional financial commitment on Challenge.



Apartment balcony, Buenos Aires, Argentina

ON A LIGHTER NOTE:

- * Why isn't the word 'gullible' in the dictionary?
- * Do pigs pull ham strings?
- * If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and the impersonators would be dead.
- * Isn't Disney World just a people trap operated by a mouse?

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PRAYER POINTS

- Staff : 1. With Charissa departing in June we require a writer/journalist to replace her and we still require an Editor to oversee the 12 different editions currently being produced.
2. Please continue to pray for existing staff and their families as they continue to serve the Lord here.
3. Raising of staff's personal support is also an ongoing issue, with many staff only partially funded.
- Finances – This is a recurring theme at the moment and Challenge is far from out of the woods just honouring our current commitments. We are still asking Churches and individuals if they will prayerfully consider supporting the work and or staff on an ongoing basis. Every dollar makes a difference
- Impact Africa Mission Trip – We need to raise project funding to cover the cost of food for Kids Club, clothing, transportation, 60,000 papers the team will distribute in 10 days
- CLF Board – For wisdom to know the Lord's leading, where too from here and priorities; also the possibility of new Board members
- The growth of Australian Edition to 75,000 per month consistently with churches and individuals understanding why the paper is written and how it can be used.

PRAISE POINTS

- Countries – For the wonderful opportunities the Lord has provided to work in 35 countries and for the many more that we are waiting for the Lord to provide the funding to commence such as in Nigeria and Uganda.
- Responses – Again we see many coming into the Kingdom through the paper and at the end of the day, this is why we are here.
- Partnerships – Thank you for partnering with us both prayerfully and financially
- The organisations that we work with around the world including Multi Ministries, AEF, Word of Life and Gateway Global Outreach.
- Finances – We praise the Lord that He is The Provider and for the way that He continues to meet the needs through the generosity of people like you.



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