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Grateful & Blessed with Another Year of Ministry

Looking back over another year of Kingdom ministry I am encouraged by the words of Paul to Timothy in 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

We too stand in awe of God and His great love for mankind, and we are humbled by our partnership in the task given to Jesus, to preach the Kingdom message. Along with Paul we look forward to the coming of Jesus and the inauguration of God's righteous Kingdom over all the earth. *This was Jesus and Paul's focus and it should be ours as well if we are following Jesus*.

As Paul said, we must be ready to preach Jesus' message whether it is convenient or not. We are warned that there will come a time when people (lay people and clergy) will not tolerate sound teaching and instead following their own desires, and because of their curiosity they will accumulate for themselves teachers of new things. *This is dangerous!*

Paul warns us that these people will turn away from hearing truth. *It happened back then and it is happening now.*

He then exhorts us to be self-controlled in all things, to endure hardships, and to do the work of an evangelist. We are told to fulfill our ministry. *It isn't about numbers; it is about service*.

At the end of his life Paul felt like he was being poured out as an offering, but he could confidently say that he had competed well, had finished the race, and had kept the faith.

He ends that passage by saying that the crown of righteousness is reserved for him, and that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award it to him in that day—and not to him only, but also all who have set their affection on his coming. We must be focused on and looking forward to Jesus' coming!

What great words of encouragement to us! We must take following and serving Jesus very seriously as we proclaim and wait for his coming and the establishment of God's Kingdom.

We must acknowledge and heed his warning that many will not tolerate his sound teaching and will turn away looking for something else. We must not be one of those people and we must remain faithful to the man Jesus and his mission.

As 2023 comes to a close we are grateful to those who have partnered with God's Kingdom work in the fields, on their knees, and with their financial resources. It truly takes a team!

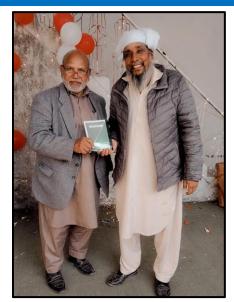
May we set our affection on his coming as we work earnestly while we wait; and may we be found faithfully enduring hardships and doing the work of an evangelist, ready to give an answer to the Kingdom hope that we have.

KOG Missions and all of our ministry partners thank each person who contributed to the mission of spreading the good news of God's coming Kingdom at home and abroad in 2023!

We look forward to another year of faithful service to our Master setting aside what lies behind and keeping our eyes focused on what lies ahead.



Evangelism in Pakistan



Brother Pervez on left

This past month the **ministry team** went to near-by towns (over an hour away) to share the Gospel of the Kingdom, the one true God, and the human Messiah Jesus.

Even though they live in a Muslim country they are free to evangelize trinitarians and even some Muslims are open to talking. Brother Pervez does not back away from any opportunity to do so.

Yes, it can be dangerous and one has to be wise and careful; but if we are called to serve and to proclaim the coming Kingdom and the name of Jesus, we accept that risk.

Haroon shared that there are many different Islamic denominations and some, like the Shia Muslims, respect the Christian's beliefs more than the other denominations.

The picture is of a Muslim scholar with whom brother Pervez shared the truth of Scripture. He has been visiting him now for 9 months.

Our biblical faith of the one true God, is a good starting point and Muslims are often open to hearing more. They can also agree with us that Jesus was miraculously created in Mary and did not preexist his birth. Please pray for Pervez and Pastor Rafi as they share this good news.

Pastor Haroon said to please keep brother Pervez in your prayers. He is doing wonderful work in God's name.

Please also pray for brother Pervez because he has an "inguinal hernia" and is having problems walking, standing, and sitting. He is in a lot of pain. Thank you!

Russia

In spite of the war in Ukraine, Maksim continues serving God and the brethren faithfully.

He will be traveling this weekend to a dear sister outside of Omsk. Vera is in her 80's now and Maksim will help her patch her roof, prepare wood, shovel snow, and other jobs. Her cousin, sister Tatyana, will be coming from Kazakhstan to spend two weeks there with them as well. The three always enjoy their time together and all are blessed. (It is also nice that Maksim will get some good home cooking too!)

Please continue to keep Maksim and all the Russian-speaking brethren in your prayers.

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Pakistan School



School supplies are still needed for the children who learn to read and write with sister Sarah at the ministry's school.

Muslim and Christian children sit side by side getting an education. They all would otherwise not be able to go to school.

Please prayerfully consider if you can support one child for the year (\$150/child for the year).

A BIG thank you to all who have already donated! They need the school books in January.

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Consider <u>partnering</u> in monthly ministry donations for PAKISTAN to help print this essential material (*Who is Jesus?* and *What Happens When We Die?*).



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Thanks Clare and Ken for sharing your experiences. Tracy, thanks for hosting. May God bless all our efforts to bring truth to many. ("What is Speaking in :Tongues?" Discussion with Ken LaPrade & Clare McNaul)

Thank you, ladies for exploring this topic. Carla, your testimony is full of wisdom and comfort. (YT- "Saving Babies & Post Abortion Recovery")

Thank you, Sharon for sharing your testimony! Yes, God is good! And learning that He is the only true God and that Jesus is His human son Messiah has changed my life, as well! May God continue to bless you and those who hear your story. Love you dear sister in the faith. (YT — "From Abuse to Truth & Healing, Hope, and Joy" Testimony)

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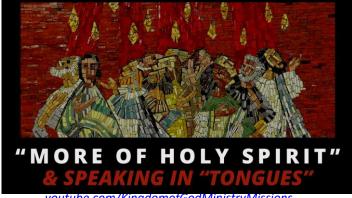
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