

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018

Raising Up Intercessors



“Spiritual Franc-Tireurs”

In less than 80 years, France found itself invaded by Germany in three major wars. In the 1860’s, during the Franco-Prussian war, men living in the countryside who were part of rifle clubs were called upon to defend their nation in a most unusual fashion. Without uniforms, without military experience, without the aid of military strategists and officers, they rose up and turned their sport and hobby into a means of defending their homeland from invasion. By their countrymen, they were considered “local militia,” “sharpshooters” and “light infantry.” To the Germans, they became dreaded as skilled snipers, France’s invisible army, frustrating the Germans in this conflict and in both world wars.

The 1911 *Encyclopædia Britannica* described them this way, "now acknowledged, even by the Germans", that the *francs-tireurs*, by these relatively unconventional tactics, "paralyzed large detachments of the enemy, contested every step of his advance and prevented him from gaining information, and that their soldierly qualities improved with experience."

The term, “Franc-Tireur”, means “Free Fighter” and described those who were not conscripted to fight but rose up and fought in their own fields, on their own roads, and in their own towns to keep the enemy from advancing.

What imagery of intercessory prayer this conveys! The enemy doesn’t have any new tactics. This ministry is fighting the same kinds of battles it did nearly 60 years ago at its formation. The enemy tries to gain ground again and again and he must be turned back! We thank God for the faithful men and women on the field throughout the USA and around the world, standing on the frontlines of spiritual battles as they minister directly to the soldier and his/her family. But, now more than ever, we must have intercessors, a prayer force, “spiritual Franc-Tireur’s” who will surround our ministries, missionaries and those they serve to halt the attacks of the evil one. Our ministers have been sent to military communities worldwide. From the pulpits, the prayer rooms, the living rooms, the barracks, the ships and in every place their feet trod, they are faithful to fight for the souls of our nation’s military. Yet, they need a prayer force to keep the enemy from advancing! They need teams of intercessors who will surround them and say, “The enemy shall be turned back today!” The leadership of FOI/MTTM is the command and control center of this worldwide movement and needs intercessors to stand in the gap

and pray for the success and advancement of this ministry. We need prayer snipers to take position against the plans and schemes of hell so that this great, spiritual army, Freedom Outreach International and its leaders and ministries worldwide, can advance like never before!

This additional season of prayer and fasting has been called for such a purpose, that we would pray and fast and tear down strategic strongholds. From Tuesday, September 4th through Tuesday, November 20th, fast and pray with us on these Tuesdays to Triumph each week and join in agreement for these objectives:

1. Raising up Intercessors
2. Reaching and Involving Veterans
3. Strength and Strategy for our Leadership
4. Evangelism and Bringing Prodigal Children Back
5. Strength and Unity in the Local Bodies and Organization
6. Purity and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
7. Financial Breakthrough and Resources
8. New Church Plants and Expanding Ministries
9. Children and Youth Ministry
10. Marriage and Family Ministry
11. Outreach and Ministry to Singles
12. Open Doors in Every Milcom

Jesus Himself said in Matthew 17:21 that some demonic forces are only defeated through prayer and fasting. We must pray like we've never prayed if we want to go where we've never gone. That is just a fact. During this season, we are calling for the formation of a light infantry of prayer warriors to rise up and surround this ministry and help us break down strongholds and breakthrough into the manifestation of God's word and promises for this ministry and all our representatives around the world.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, prick the hearts of Your people to rise up and pray for FOI/MTTM as never before! Send us teams to intercede for the tearing down of strongholds and the defeat and humiliation of our adversary. Connect men and women throughout th USA and the world who will commit to prayer and fasting and let us join together during this season, and, indeed, from this season and ever after, that there would be an outpouring of Your Spirit upon our ministries and a season of advancement as never before. Knit us together as ONE so that we may stand in agreement for these things which coincide with Your Word and Will. Let it be done today, O Lord, in Jesus' Name, amen.

Tuesday, September 11th, 2018

Reaching and Involving Veterans

“The Veteran’s Bridge”

In Pittsburg, PA, Portland, Maine, Chesapeake, VA and Chattanooga, TN, along with many other cities and towns, there is a bridge named by the city as “Veteran’s Bridge.” These passageways are meant to honor veterans of the United States Armed Forces for their service and commitment. In Chattanooga, the bridge crosses the Tennessee River and is lined by brilliant American flags which fly daily as a reminder to the community of those who have served sacrificially to ensure the freedom its citizens enjoy every day. An anonymous donor gives over \$40,000 of his personal funds each year to ensure that the flags are replaced annually and kept in good condition. Each day, the stars and stripes rising over the water as a silent wave -- an acknowledgement to veterans that they are still valued and acknowledged.



In FOI/MTTM, we serve veterans every day. Most of our ministry centers are pastored by those who once wore the uniform of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines. Yet, now more than ever, we need a bridge across to expand ministry to veterans. The statistics are too daunting. As of 2014, the US Department of Veterans Affairs estimated that a staggering 22 million military veterans are alive today (7.3% of all living adults in the USA). The rate of suicide among veterans is 10% higher than the general populace. In 2007, more than 25% of the homeless population nationally were military veterans, though this number has been thankfully declining due to the impact of initiatives to end homelessness. Veterans have a higher rate of mental and physical health issues than civilians as a direct result of their military service. Yet, no one can measure or quantify the staggering spiritual needs of veterans. No government agency can address that need, which is not only temporal but eternal in its impact.

Psalm 144:1, “Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.” Exodus 15:3, “The Lord is a Warrior, Yahweh is His Name!” Our God understands warfare. There is no Warrior like Our God! Surely, He is concerned for the wellbeing and the souls of our nations warriors. In this season of FOI/MTTM, we are praying for new ways to reach and involve veterans. Pray with us for new open doors, leaders and initiatives to reach them, and for a passage across to reach them nationwide as our own spiritual veteran’s bridge.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, You see the millions of veterans who need to find hope and salvation in You! You know their thoughts, their struggles, their need to connect and contribute and feel valued again. We are asking for new open doors to

reach them, teams of people and leaders for veterans ministries around the world, and for the connections and resources to make an eternal impact. Send laborers into this great harvest field and expand FOI's outreach to them. Give us strategy and partnerships. Help us to win, disciple and involve veterans like never before. We come against the spirit of depression and suicide concerning our military and veterans and pray for spiritual and mental health for them. Bring a wave of revival in this populace and put tools in our hands to be as effective as possible to serve them, and in honoring them, above all, to bring honor to You. In Christ's Name, amen.



Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

Strength and Strategy for our Leadership

“Foundations”

It was the fall of 2008. My husband was deployed to Iraq and I needed to get our house ready for two big events: our daughter’s graduation and putting the house up for sale as we transitioned from Kansas to Washington DC. I knew what our enormous backyard lacked for the graduation and to increase the likelihood of selling -- a patio where we could sit and eat together outside.



One child was off to college at Lee University. The other was at her after weekend job waitressing. So, by default, our youngest (he was 15 at the time) was the only one available to help me build a new patio on a Saturday. We dug and we hauled sand and we raked and we measured from morning until sundown, at which time our son announced that there was “no way” we could continue because it was getting dark. “Oh yeah?” I laughed proudly, grabbing the new flood light from the trunk of the car, “Well, there’s no way we’re going to bed until this patio is done!” About two hours later, halfway through laying the pavers, with the floodlight partially blinding us as we lay chest-down on the cold bricks eyeballing the level, our son whispers to me sarcastically, “I just want to thank you for the most un-fun day of my life.”

What he didn’t know was that if the foundation was off, everything else would be off too. It was worth taking the better part of the day doing the work that *nobody else would ever see* so that the part that would be seen could function properly.

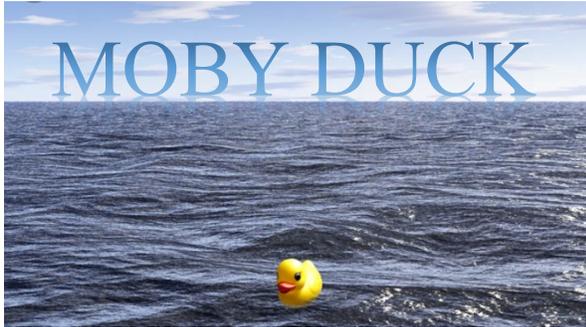
At FOI/MTTM, we are blessed with a strong foundation – men and women throughout decades and generations who have led faithfully with excellence and integrity. We celebrated the 40th anniversary of our executive leaders last year, Dr. Robert A. and Patty Moore, and prayed to God to give us many, many more years under their stellar leadership. Yet, they would be the first to remind us that they, and all of our leaders, rely on the prayers of God’s people so that they can provide strategic direction, wisdom, discernment, and lead this ministry to its fullest potential. We need to undergird our leaders with our prayers and pray for the Lord to give them an even greater anointing to lead as Christ opens up new opportunities and as new challenges arise. We also want to pray for emerging leaders – those who will be leading in 20, 30 and 50 years from now, until the Lord returns, so that this great ministry will continue and grow even

stronger. With godly, discerning leaders who keep Christ as the Cornerstone, there is no limit to the great ministry that can be built.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, we are grateful for the leaders in FOI/MTTM and grateful that You continue to lead and direct them. We pray for them, for Robert and Patty Moore, for Jo Scott in our corporate offices, for board members, for our Regional Directors and those directing specific ministries, that You will anoint and empower them like never before. Lord, they rely upon Your Holy Spirit and the guidance of Your Word to show them how to lead in these days and times that we live in. Father, we are asking for strategy like never before, for unction and discernment, for wisdom and divine appointments for them. We silence the “chatter” of the culture and the busyness of business so that they can hear the Still Small Voice more clearly than ever. We pray for those who You are leading to lead, both now and in the future. We lift up our MIP candidates who are training this year in preparation for their call to ministry. We pray for boldness with diplomacy and for supernatural wisdom, insight and clarity about how to act and when. Lord, take this firm foundation and build upon it all that You desire to build, that FOI/MTTM would be the most effective and dynamic movement that we can possibly be, for Your glory, honor and renown, in Jesus’ Name – amen.

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018

Praying for Backslidden & Prodigals to Come Home



A cargo ship container fell into the North Pacific Ocean in 1992, dumping 28,800 rubber ducky bath toys (en-route from China to the USA) into the water. One man (Donovan Hohn) made it his life's mission to track down the wayward duckies and spent years interviewing seafarers,

oceanographers and beachcombers, eventually tracking the ducks to locations such as Seattle, Alaska, Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, eventually reaching Maine and other shores, *even in the Atlantic Ocean!* Mr. Hohn's research (documented in his book, "Moby Duck,") was lauded as, "heroic" by environmentalists. Although interesting, at least anecdotally, I think Mr. Hohn might need to find a little deeper purpose in life than spending years searching for lost bath toys.

The concept, however, is fascinating. The ducks started off on the same vessel, going the same direction at the same speed. They plummeted off the boat at the same time, launched into the same currents in the same ocean at the same longitude and latitude. Yet, without the carrier vessel to guide them to their intended destination, they all ended up in different ports and countries, even different oceans, some drifting nearly around the world while others were never found.

The writer of Hebrews addresses the subject of "Spiritual Drift" in his writing. He exhorts his readers that, as Christ's followers, we are either rowing deliberately toward Christ or we are in danger of getting off course. "Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away," (Hebrews 2:1). There is no "spiritual neutral gear." Apathy and neglect of the Word of God, waning fellowship with the Lord in prayer and with the brethren, leads to allowing the current of the culture to pull the saint in another direction. "And we desire that each of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope to the end, that you not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:11-12.)

If the Apostle Paul was the writer of Hebrews (which is refuted by some), I can imagine him using the imagery of being shipwrecked, bobbing around night and day in the open sea as he described in the book of Acts. He certainly would have had some life experience to back up his analogy of the dangers of drifting away! Yet, he continues

and encourages us with these words, “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,” (Hebrews 6:19).

All believers fight against, “The Drift.” We fight against the “current” culture that would pull us away from our pursuit of Christ. For Christians in the military, the struggle is compounded by phenomenal stresses, frequent time away from home and church when duty calls, and constant relocation which uproot them from their faith family.

At FOI/MTTM, we strive diligently to keep the warrior connected to the larger Body of Christ so he/she will stay the course, no matter what challenges life and duty bring. Then, if catastrophe strikes and they fall into troubled waters, they will hold firmly to the anchor of Christ Jesus. Let us pray for our service members, and those that serve them, for spiritual strength and fortitude and for those who are drifting to be guided by the Holy Spirit safely back on their intended eternal course.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord, we intercede for those who have drifted away and for those who are discouraged and have allowed the ungodly tide of the culture take them in another direction. We pray for prodigals to come home, for wayward sons and daughters to be anchored again in Christ Jesus! The world, the flesh and the devil are fighting against them, yet You are fighting for them! You ever live to intercede on our behalf! Lord, touch the hearts of the backsliders with deep conviction. Remind them day and night to not neglect so great a salvation. For our Center Directors and those in our congregations, give them a heart to go after the one who is lost, disconnected or shipwrecked. Bring the prodigals back into our path, that we can intercept them and bring them back on board. We join with every mother and father’s prayer for their wayward children, many who are serving on foreign shores, to come back to the Father’s heart. Let this be the season and the time for a great return of the captives. Also, strengthen those who are rowing valiantly against the tide – may they not be weary in well-doing. Let us, as individuals and as a movement, stay precisely on course and yielded to Your direction. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018

Praying for strength and unity

“Spiritual Hormesis”

Every bodybuilder understands the concept of, “no pain, no gain” at the gym. What they want to gain is muscle, and in turn, strength. The science behind creating muscle is called, “hormesis.”



Hormesis is the process in a cell or organism that exhibits a biphasic response (beneficial effect) resulting from exposure to a stress that could be toxic or fatal at a higher level. For example, immunizations expose the body to a small amount of disease or toxin for which the entire body unites to create an antibody, typically resulting in lifetime immunity, to something that could have been fatal or crippling. For the body builder, when a muscle is pushed past its prior strength capacity and incurs a tiny injury, much like a tear in the muscle, it becomes sore. The phenomenon of hormesis rallies the body’s resources to not only repair the muscle but *the injury actually stimulates the body to create greater capacity for stress and total strength.*

The Apostle Paul frequently refers to the Church as the Body of Christ. Ephesians 1:23, “which is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” I Corinthians 12:12, “For even as the body is one and has many members, all the members of the body, though they are many, are ONE BODY, so also is Christ.”

Just as the writer of Hebrews revealed that the earthly tabernacle was a copy or shadow of what is in heaven, so Jesus also spoke about natural things as a way to teach spiritual things, as the natural world was created to reveal the glory of God and to teach us spiritual matters. Keeping this in mind, it is not outrageous to compare the truths found in natural matter to teach us the truths of spiritual matters.

We have all heard testimonies of how an individual or family in a church went through a difficult season and, when the church rallied to support and help them, the entire church ended up stronger and more united. This is SPIRITUAL HORMESIS! It is often pain, challenges and difficulties that bring a church body together. Just think of how the many churches have flourished in the midst of persecution!

In the same way, the many fellowships represented around the world through FOI/MTTM – Europe, the Far East, Puerto Rico and throughout the USA – are one body. When one church is hurting, we must all rally together to bring aid. This spiritual hormesis happens through prayer, through encouragement, through emotional and practical supports, through the monthly giving of each center and individuals to support the organization as a whole.

The result of hard work, dedication and continual effort to build muscle is called, “hypertrophy.” But, in the same way, the lack of this exercise brings, “atrophy,” which is a decline in muscle size, strength, and capacity to serve the body. When we do not act in unity and solidarity to help strengthen one another, we become collectively weaker -- a sort of spiritual atrophy.

We must continually strive to build unity and strength in the Body of Christ throughout FOI/MTTM by shared worship and edification (attending events and conferences together whenever possible), through praying for one another daily (a good resource is the Prayer Guide distributed by FOI and posted daily on the Ministry to the Military Prayer Facebook page), by giving to our local centers as those centers also give a small percentage monthly to support the whole organization, and to serving together and supporting one another whenever the opportunities arise.

In this season, and from this season forward, let us strive to be intentional about building up the Body of Christ locally and throughout FOI/MTTM as a whole. We have this moment upon the earth to bring Christ to the world together through the unique context of military ministry. We are not just building a bigger and stronger Body for here and now but building a glorious Kingdom that will never end.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord, we are asking You for strength and unity in Freedom Outreach centers around the world and in FOI as a movement. Let there be unity such as the Psalmist spoke about that is like oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments! (Psalm 133.) For this unity covers the head and the whole body. Bring a unity that we would bear each other's burdens and strengthen the whole. Let us be as the church in the Book of Acts that shared with everyone who had a need, who gave extravagantly, and whose numbers increased daily! Let us not just be people who talk a good game but who also spring to sacrificial action when the body is in need. Knit us together as only You can. Forgive us for times that we have held back when you called us to help. Bring each individual and center into alignment with Your heart and help us pay the debt of love that is owed first to You and then to one another. In Christ's Name, amen.

Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 2018

Praying for Purity and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

“There’s a Fly in Your Cup”



My husband and I decided to stop and visit an elderly widow one day, a sweet woman of 90 years who was losing her hearing and eyesight but whose heart and spirit were young and full of life. She was so happy to receive us this day and insisted on serving tea and cookies. She set each cup and saucer before us, careful to make up the table so properly, happy to be able to open the dusty china cabinet and get out the “good dishes.” As she went to retrieve the tea steeping in the next room, Brian leaned over to me and whispered frantically, “don’t

drink out of that cup! There’s a fly in it!”

Sure enough, there was a large horse fly, long dead, whose decay had affixed it to the bottom of the tea cup. I didn’t know what to do! If I told her, she would have been horrified and embarrassed. Yet, I couldn’t dislodge the ill-fated insect before she returned. So, she poured the tea in and, when she was looking down or away, I poured the tea out. (Thankfully, there was a parched houseplant next to the table.) Noticing my cup was empty (yet somehow never noticing the fly), she continued to pour the tea in, and waiting for an opportune moment, I poured the tea out. This went on for nearly an hour and yet the fly remained intractably adhered to the bottom of the cup. (However, the houseplant rather perked up after three cups of Earl Gray!)

In much the same way, we often pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We plead in prayer for God to move in our midst, to revive us, to fill us with the Holy Ghost. While I am not suggesting that anyone can in any way EARN the free gift of the Holy Spirit baptism promised to us in the Book of Joel and demonstrated in the Book of Acts, it does stand to reason that our prayers would hold more weight if we backed them up with preparatory action.

We fill our lives with social media, with information about the latest diet or health fad, with games and music and entertainment, and then ask the Lord to fill us. It’s as if we’re saying, “take this little space I have leftover and fill it,” as if the Holy Spirit is merely a novelty or fringe benefit. Instead, let us say, “fill all of me so that I only have room left for what pleases You.”

The clutter of our lives, for the most part, is not sinful by Biblical definition, it's just, well, clutter. It's the stuff of earth. It's the world, the flesh and the devil competing for our innermost space that, for a true Christian, belongs to a Holy God and Him alone. *That's what Lordship is.*

In Matthew 23:25-26, Jesus issued a series of stunning rebukes to the Pharisee's for outward shows of piety without inner purity. "You cleanse the outside of the cup and dish but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish that the outside of them may be clean also."

Purity is not a religious state to be achieved but a supernatural process to be surrendered to. Christ, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, is the Purifier. His atoning Blood washes us from our sins, yet, we are to surrender to purity by not being conformed to this world or loving (being devoted in time, attention and treasure) the things of the world. (Romans 12:2 & 1 John 2:15.)

Let us continually cry out for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit but let us also take a close look at the cup to make sure it's clean and that we're really anticipating Him to fill (and refill) us.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord God, may we be holy as You are holy! Forgive us for our dependence upon worldly things to fill our lives and let us hunger and thirst for righteousness. We repent of any religious pretense and we ask for the light of the Holy Spirit to shine in our hearts, to search us out, revealing anything that does not please You. We do pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as we have never seen before with all the signs and wonders following. We seek personal and corporate revival! Yet, Lord, above all that we seek for You to do, we seek first to please You. As we sang in years past, let us sing again, "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You." Amen.

Tuesday, October 16th, 2018

Praying for Resources and Financial Breakthrough

“We Can’t Keep Advancing”

It was 2004. We were sitting with a friend who had driven a tank in the initial invasion of Iraq. He was quietly and methodically recounting the story. His company had advanced quickly, expecting to encounter fire and surprised when they did not immediately engage in battle. But instead of relishing in what looked to be a successful invasion, they began to panic. The supplies were not keeping up. They were concerned about running out of fuel, but the most imminent danger in the scorching desert heat was running out of clean drinking water. He said there came a point where he thought their mission may be in jeopardy, “We aren’t going to be able to go on without supplies. We can’t keep advancing.”



Thankfully, their supplies eventually caught up, but the imagery comes into my mind whenever I think about all the financial resources needed to keep a ministry of this size heading full-speed ahead in our mission. We simply must have resources or we will not be able to keep advancing. We need emergency funds for our centers, operating expenses, funds to plant new ministries and churches, and for conferences, outreaches and special initiatives. We have the team to be successful but, without resources, we will not be able to keep making the needed advances.

“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19.) We could fill countless books with testimonies of supernatural resources coming in just at the right time! Each and every one of our FOI centers has experienced these tremendous miracles of provision. It is not an unbelief that God will do it again that motivates us to pray, but an understanding that God often uses natural people to bring supernatural provision.

There are people and organizations with resources that would gladly give to support effective ministry to our American military personnel and veterans, but they don’t yet know about FOI. Let us pray for those divine encounters. There are those who have supported in the past or have wanted to give but they have simply forgotten. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to remind them. There are sources of support that we don’t even know about yet – let us pray for the Lord to show us! And then, let us be the best stewards of these gifts as we can be, placing them in His hand, that He may bless,

break and distribute to meet all the needs miraculously. For this we know as can be certain of, with the blessing and favor of our God, **we will never stop advancing!**

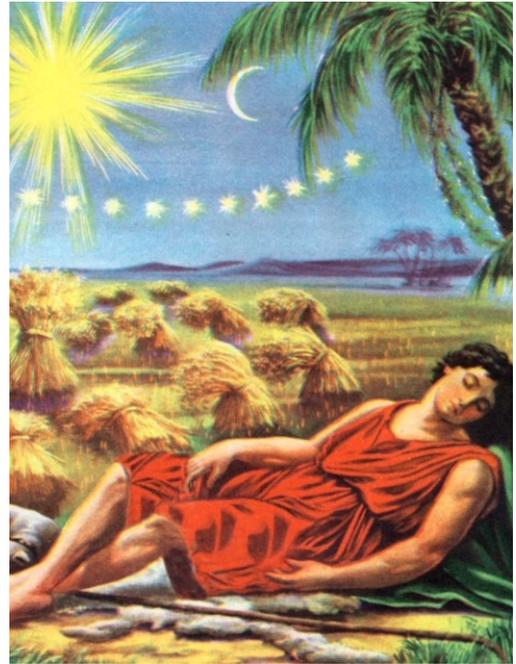
Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, we know You are the Way Maker! You are the Bread that came down from Heaven! You are the Manna in the wilderness! You are the water pouring out from a rock in a dry and desolate land! You are OUR PROVISION! We know and are certain of that and we honor and glorify You for Your faithfulness! Now, O Lord, give us divine direction concerning the resources required for all the ministry needs that are before us. Burden hearts for this great work, that those that have to give would give. Lord, we ask for You to open up new opportunities and streams of funding from the smallest individual donation to largest organizational gift, that each giver would be blessed beyond measure. Thank You for moving on the hearts of our people, that each would give cheerfully and faithfully in support of their local church and FOI. Let us enter a season of tremendous testimonies about Your faithfulness and blessing upon the resources of our centers. Thank You for being meeting every need, in Jesus' Name, amen.

Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018

Praying for Church Plants and Expansion

“The Dream”

Of all the stories in the Bible, for my husband and myself, we identify most with the story of Joseph. I used to pray, almost daily, for the favor of Joseph to be on my husband. One day, he reminded me with a laugh, that there was a whole lot of trouble and trials on that road of favor! The teenage Joseph had a dream and, in the end, that dream happened exactly as the Lord showed him, but not until he was betrayed by his family, left for dead, sold into slavery, falsely accused, abandoned and forgotten... I am sure there were days that he was crushed with discouragement thinking, “This wasn’t part of the dream!”



“The Dream” of Freedom Outreach International is to connect military, veterans, their families and communities with a missional Christian family, from the time they take their oath of service until their last duty assignment and beyond into civilian life – the people and ministry of FOI will be there. The dream is to reach them wherever they go, on deployment, on TDY, at whatever remote locations they may PCS to. The dream is to involve them in this great missional Christian family so they can be discipled and joyfully serving in the Body of Christ. The dream is for each one to encounter the very Person of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, to be baptized in the Holy Ghost and empowered to live fruitful lives. The dream is to go wherever they go, to provide for their needs in whatever ways we can, to be the arms, legs, voice and heart of Jesus Christ to every Soldier, Sailor, Airmen and Marine. We dream of planting churches and birthing fellowships in every milcom worldwide. We dream of surrounding families so that marriages are saved and children are raised in godly homes. We dream of life, abundant and eternal, for every soldier who has considered suicide. We dream of reaching the nations around us as ministry to the military becomes ministry through the military.

These are the dreams – dreams we hold fast to, pray toward and encourage ourselves with. Yet, we know that there is much hardship on the way to the fulfillment of the dream. There are many unforeseen hurdles and difficulties but these can be overcome as we pray and act. One thing we know from Joseph, that the dream in its fulfillment is

always greater than the initial understanding. It is exceeding and abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Ephesians 3:20.) It is a shared dream that includes you and I – here, now and today – a dream from the very heart of God that will surely come to pass.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, how we long to participate in Your dream for this ministry upon the earth! Lord, we cry out for the milcoms in which there is no gospel witness, that You would enable us to plant life-giving churches and fellowships. We ask for open doors and teams to make this dream a reality. Do a quick work, O Lord, because the harvest is plentiful and the workers are so very few. We ask You for church planters, visionaries, entire teams of Holy Spirit empowered servants to go into each area where there is not a thriving center. We ask for strategies, for wisdom, for provision and for laborers for this great work that You have individually and collectively called us to. Increase Your Kingdom on this earth through Freedom Outreach and glorify Your Name through us, now and forever, Amen.

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

Praying for Children and Youth

“Removing the Mask”



According to the National Confectioners Association estimations, three out of every four American households participate in handing out candy on Halloween. By a conservative estimate, more than 55 million children and youth will participate in Halloween activities tomorrow, from attending parties to Trick-or-Treating to visiting haunted houses. This is the time of year that horror movies and violent video games are released, catering to the dark imaginations and fears of our nations youngsters. However, tuning into the nightly news we see that the goblins and ghouls of yesterday’s horror flicks have become the school shootings, bullying, rampant youth suicide and child abuse of today. It’s not a pretty picture.

For those serving the children and youth of our military, these grim statistics are compounded by frequent parental absence, extreme family stress, destabilizing PCS moves and a loss of friendships, supports and community every few years. The needs are overwhelming. The burden seems almost crushing. The urgency is so moving that we cannot find teams and resources quickly enough to serve these precious little ones.

Yet, the Psalmist, once again, sparks our hopes anew, “I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” (Psalm 27:13-14) We have seen the goodness of the Lord, His great faithfulness to this generation, time and time again! We are baptized into an eternal hope and a daily hopefulness! We are the light that shines, filling this terrible void (Matthew 5:14), causing the darkness to flee and revealing truth! By faith and works, we pull back the mask of the enemy’s lies and show forth to these young ones the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). Hundreds of children and youth encountered this truth in the past few months through FOI ministries to them. The prophecy of the Prophet Joel is coming to pass before our eyes and will continue with increasing efficacy as we fast together and pray for our children. The enemy may try to lure them with his cheap parlor tricks, but we have the real thing – the Word of God and the power of the Almighty Himself, through the Holy Spirit, to confirm that truth with signs and wonders. Let us not forget that it’s a rigged game because Christ won it all before the foundation of the world – He is the Lamb Slain for the remission of sins. As we pray and act, the mask of deception is being pulled off and Jesus as Savior, King and Lord is being revealed. No matter what your personal

thoughts are on Halloween, this victory for our kids is something we all can celebrate every day of the year.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, we stand around our military children and youth like the mighty family we are in You. Like the mountains surround Jerusalem, we know You surely surround them day and night forevermore. We speak LIFE over each and every young one and we proclaim Your truth will be made known and manifest in them. We rejoice at the wonderful works we have seen You do in the past months but we know this is just the beginning of all that You will and desire to do. Lord, send us laborers! Send us provisions! Send us anointed children and youth leaders in every center, in every milcom, for every conference, for every camp and event! We are asking for an unprecedented harvest among our children and youth, such as we have never seen – salvation and fruit-bearing discipleship. We come against every assignment the enemy has placed upon them and we destroy those demonic forces in the Name of the Lord of Hosts. We declare together that this is a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. The military “brats” of today will become the Mighty Army of Our God tomorrow. We decree it now by the power and authority of Jesus’ Name, amen.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Praying for Military Families

“A Calling and Election”

A little girl asked her dad, “Daddy, are there any fairytales that don’t start with, ‘Once upon a time?’” He thought for a moment, then answered, “Yes, my dear, some start with, ‘And if I’m elected...’”



Today, all across America, people will be heading to the polls to cast their vote for a variety of offices. To the relief of the majority, the campaign ads will stop playing on the radio and TV. Individuals will express their right to choose who they believe is the best candidate for each position.

In family politics, we certainly don’t get much choice in who we’ve ended up with. If it were up to a vote, we would certainly be left without those great, “Crazy Uncle Joe” stories! With our blood relatives, we are in some ways predestined to have the parents and the children that God choose to give us with all of their uniqueness, strengths and even weaknesses.

In the same way, God chose us to be His children with all of our faults. The Apostle Peter encourages us to make our calling and election sure in 2 Peter 1:10. Our calling is the drawing of Abba Father to be His and our election is our predestination before time began. Making our calling and election “sure” is put to us as our task, to walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit and fulfill what we were called and chosen to do.

This rings so true in the context of a family. Too many parents struggle because they see only their faults and failures and feel they can never “get everything together” to be the family they desire to be. But, we must remember that family is an invention from the mind of the Almighty. What He calls us toward, He will empower us to do.

It is no secret that military families have tremendous challenges. The Directors of FOI around the world constantly counsel couples on the edge of, or the fallout from, divorce. Parents, especially single parents, must cope with their kids’ stress as well as their own. Yet, we have the power available, through the Person of the Holy Spirit, to make sure the divine calling of parenthood, to tap into the endless well of His resources to bring health to the family unit.

As we pray for our military families, we are asking for salvation to come to each person, young and old, and for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to empower them to live lives that are holy and whole. We did not choose our Heavenly Father but He chose us and has given us an office with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6-7) – an office that no one can vote us out of!

Our Corporate Prayer: Heavenly Father, we bring before You the needs of our military families. We are asking for You to bring entire families to salvation in our military communities and to help parents disciple and raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We pray for an anointing on our Directors to counsel and support families in crisis. For troubled marriages, bring restoration and healing. For those who are single, be the Head of the Family to lead and support them. For the children are grieving the loss of a parent, bring the healing that can only come from the heart of the Good Father. Revive and restore our military families and our ability to reach and disciple them, in Jesus' Name, amen.

Tuesday, Nov. 13th, 2018

Praying for Singles

“Pizza is Not on the Menu”

Ask any pastor to see a list of his or her sermon subjects for an entire year of preaching and you may find that there is not any sermon dedicated to unmarried persons. Not a single sermon (pun intended). Why? Could it be that the same message might encourage one person and offend another? It could also be because the messages often come across as, “all will be well and you will be complete one day when you are married.” Then there is the E-Harmony-Sermon that causes unmarried persons to shift uncomfortably in their chairs, daring not to look around lest their eyes meet with another unmarried person with some unintended “signal” relayed!



Nearly 50% of our nation’s military are unmarried persons and most are in their 20’s and 30’s with marriage on the radar of possibility for many of them. Yet, their needs for discipleship, fellowship and accountability are not vastly different than those who are married. There’s a fundamental need in each person to be valued and ministered to as a unique individual person and not a generic collective assemblage of singleness.

This point was made by a single woman in her early 30’s who so appreciated the leaders in her church that she invited them to her home for a special dinner to honor and thank them. The lead pastor, impressed with the linen napkins, the crystal glasses and carefully prepared filet of beef served on lovely porcelain plates remarked, “This is so nice! We were expecting pizza on paper plates!”

He meant it as a compliment yet his words stung. She was no less capable to prepare a nice meal because she was unmarried. Being single is not a defect to be cured by marriage. In fact, broken and hurting single persons make broken and hurting married persons. Marriage only adds more people to the problem unless the individual is effectively helped toward healing.

We are praying for people with creativity and calling to help facilitate effective ministry to singles throughout FOI. Psalm 68:6 says, “God sets the lonely in families,” and what greater family is there than the Body of Christ, regardless of whether the person is truly lonely or content to be single. We are praying for unmarried individuals to be reached and disciplined in whatever season they are currently. We are praying for our FOI Centers around the world to be the diverse, eclectic mix of people that reflects the communities

they are a part of. We are praying for a spiritual feast for each person, one that reflects their own individuality and needs, that they may be nourished and grow toward maturity. Hopefully, pizza won't always be on the menu.

Our Corporate Prayer: Lord Jesus, we pray today for the unmarried soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. We ask for impactful ministries to reach and disciple them. We pray especially for those who are lonely and isolated to be put in the path of our ministers and lay leaders. We lift up the single parents who comprise 9% of all troops, that You would encourage them and lead them toward a supportive Christian family. We ask for creative and effective strategies to involve them in challenging and life-changing ministry. Help them pursue You above any other relationship and to find You as the true love of their lives. Empower us to serve them as the individuals they are and to help them as they pursue holiness and fruitful service to You. Amen.

Tuesday, November 20th, 2018

Praying for Open Doors

“It is the Lord”

In John 21:1-14, the story is told of Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. Because He was an ordinary looking man and also because they were not expecting Him, they didn't realize it was Jesus standing on the shore. Jesus called to them, “Friends, have you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your nets on the right side,” and when they obeyed they hauled in a miraculous number of fish at once. This was precisely how Jesus had found them three years earlier, as disappointed fishermen who hadn't yet found their purpose. Now, they were looking again for purpose and direction and they needed a reminder that the One who called them was still there.



Peter called out, “It is the Lord!” and they came to shore to find He had prepared them a breakfast of fish and bread over the coals.

Jesus rarely did the same miracle the same way more than once. Yet, He needed to remind them that the same Christ that called them in the beginning would be the same Christ to keep them to the end. In both miracles, He didn't direct them over to where the fish were but He called the fish over to them. They needed to remember that He was still as powerful and mighty as before. They needed to remember that they couldn't go back to their old lives – they were still to be fishers of men.

We've heard the testimonies of the saints that founded and built this ministry that we now call Freedom Outreach International, a ministry to the military. We have been encouraged by their stories of fearless faith and marvelous provision. Yet, the same God who called them then still calls us now. They harvested miraculously in their season and now it is our season for another miraculous harvest! The same God that directed Dom Amison to ship himself to France on a cargo freighter nearly 60 years ago is the same God who is calling us out into the great, deep waters of miraculous faith today!

We are praying for doors to come open, heaven-sent opportunities that we cannot even imagine. We know it is the Lord's will for us to walk in greater anointing and impact and to reach the masses for His glory. As we end this 12-week season of prayer and fasting and head into a week of feasting and giving thanks, let us thank Him now for what we know He longs to do in our midst – to call the harvest toward our nets, our doors, our

homes, our milcoms, to such a degree that no one person or program could ever get the credit and everyone will have to say, surely, "This is the Lord!"

Our Corporate Prayer: By the authority of the Name of Jesus, we pray the words of Isaiah 43:6. We call into the harvest fields of every military installation throughout the United States and worldwide and we say to the north, "Give them up!" and to the South, "Do not hold them back!" Bring the Lord's sons from afar and His daughters from the ends of the earth. We ask for opportunities, open doors and harvest such as this ministry has never known. We pray for a season of reaping for all the many years of sowing throughout milcoms where there has been little fruit. Lord, anoint us for such a time as this. Renew our passion for souls and faith to go wherever You call and do just as You say. Especially in areas where the nets have gone empty for years, O Sovereign Lord, bring in the masses! We trust You for increase, for resources, for the people to do this work and for the multitude of precious souls that You are longing to reach. Let us go into this time of Thanksgiving with great hope and expectation, giving You glory now for what You are about to do in our midst. In this holiday season, let us continue to pray and look with eyes of faith and expectancy for the fulfillment of Your word. In the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ we pray – amen.