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Greetings to all prayer warriors and supporters,

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“And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?” Luke 12:22-26

Life is more than food and clothing. God has reminded us of that through the Scriptures. Jesus reminded us of that when He faced temptation from Satan. Therefore, we shouldn't worry because God will take care of the big stuff and the little stuff. Worrying doesn't change things, big or small, except to make those problems appear worse than they really are. So why let ourselves get so worked up into a frenzy over “big things”? Cast your cares on God and then trust in His wisdom.

Noah worked on the Ark for 120 years and never had a convert, and yet he didn't get discouraged. Missionary to Africa David Livingstone managed to convert one person in his 32 years of ministry. Folks criticized his ministry work as a total failure. Missionary to India William Carey labored for seven years to win a convert. His mission agency cautioned Carey. Those men continued to do the great commission regardless. I thought, well I shouldn't be discouraged but I do get discouraged when the result of my efforts seems not to occur.

I often asked myself “Is that what God wants me to do?”, “What message does God want me to share?”, “Why aren't people responding to my message?” and many other questions. After much prayer, reading and meditation on Luke 12:22-26, I no longer need supremacy, prosperity, position, promotions, approvals, or popularity. I don't have to be right, or first, or top, or recognized, or praised, or rewarded. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by the Holy Spirit's power. I'm still learning and growing in faith every day. Now I believe that success on the mission field should be measured by efforts, not by the number of converts. My efforts didn't show results until years later. I have many examples to share but they all won't fit here. I selected three examples to share below.

Five years ago, after my preaching, a young teenager, Simon Masinde (14) came forward and surrendered to be a missionary



Simon at 14 and



Simon at 19

to the Deaf. Last month, he contacted me to say that he is currently the interpreter for the deaf ministry at Bible Baptist Church, Nyahururu, Kenya, where I have visited twice. Simon is now 19 and requested my assistance to help him to become a missionary to the Deaf. I encouraged him to work with his pastor first. We at IPM have been praying for his calling since the day he surrendered. In the last two years, the deaf ministry at Bible Baptist Church has been growing. He interpreted services and led deaf people to Christ. That is a GREAT encouragement.

During the last three years, I was a guest speaker at the Annual Deaf Conference held at the Africa Lighthouse Baptist Church, Charlottesville, VA, and the church was empowered to reach the deaf community in their area. Their pastor, Peter Chege went to Kenya last month and met a deaf boy, Calvin (13) in his village. Brother Peter does not know any sign language but that

didn't deter him from sharing the Good News with Calvin. Three years of my encouragement has influenced him to care for and reach out to Calvin. Brother Peter led Calvin (pictured on right) to the Lord by communicating in writing. Peter learned that Calvin was visiting his great grandmother in her village, but he lives in Nairobi, a six hour drive south from the village. I'm praying that God will find ways for Peter and me to work together because it is my desire for Peter to learn sign language. I know that God works in mysterious ways.



My deaf ministry at Grace Bible Baptist Church has seen several deaf folks leave due to a job change, moving to another state, health issues, etc. The deaf community is very tiny and losing one member has a huge impact on the deaf ministry. Instead of trying to revive the deaf ministry myself, I left that to the Lord. I decided to focus on one person at a time. I want the quality of discipleship, not quantity of "Christians". I encouraged my wife to start a deaf ladies Bible study class on Monday nights and I decided to do the expositional teaching on the book of Matthew for Wednesday nights. With those changes, the deaf ministry is growing and that has resulted in four converts in a year.

Noah's effort had restored mankind after the Flood. Livingstone's and Carey's efforts have resulted in hundreds of thousands of Christians in Africa and India. Success measured by the effort isn't usually seen immediately but many years later.

The Campbell family wishes all our friends and church family a **Happy Prosperous Year of our Lord 2020**. As of this writing, I received a video call from Ivory Coast. Deaf Ivorians and their deaf leader, Leonce, wanted to exchange new year greetings with me. I gave them a minute message to encourage them to be faithful to the Lord and support their deaf ministry. They reported that their ministry is growing. It is by God's work alone.

In His Love,
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