10,000 NEW TESTAMENTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED

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As you may recall two years ago I wrote about the desire to have a New Testament printed in English for distribution by the church as the Gideons do. The NT and Bibles distributed by the Gideons contains an appeal that teaches the erroneous doctrine that salvation is by faith only. After acquiring permission in 2008 from Thomas Nelson Publishing in Nashville to print the New King James New Testament for distribution, we had 10,000 printed in South India at a cost of sixty-five cents each. It was of the quality that would sell for five or six dollars in a book store in the States.

Of the 10,000 we distributed 6,000 in India; mainly to English medium schools in order that the Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and denominational youth might have an opportunity to read the story of Jesus and His kingdom as they learn English. The other 4,000 we shipped to the U.S. at a cost of sixty cents each; thus making our basic cost FOB at Crossville \$1.20. These have all been distributed as churches across the country use them in their local outreach or to send to English speaking countries abroad, like Guyana.

Thus on my upcoming trip (July 28 to September 11) to India I want to order another 10,000. These will probably not be available for at least six months, as it will take time for printing as well as shipping to the **States.** The price will again be about \$6,500 if you would like to help.

There is one important bit of information that we had in 2008 that needs to be corrected. At that time we had three or four congregations here in the States that wanted to have large numbers of the New Testaments shipped to Nigeria and other parts of Africa from India. However, I was subsequently informed that they could not be shipped by the postal service from India to Africa. Then after I was back again in India I made further inquiries and learned that we can ship by sea mail to Lagos, Nigeria or other seaports on the coast of Africa. Interestingly enough when Nelson granted permission for distribution they gave such for all the countries that were former British colonies.

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IN DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

Tennessee Eagle Forum (http://www.tneagleforum.org): "We continue to experience the consequences of elections in our nation. With the elections on the horizon, we have before us the opportunity to turn things around if we pray and if we elect the right people."

It is written: "I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings and all who are in high places; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who desires all people to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

"Let us pray that Godly men and women will be elected--that they would have Wisdom, Display Courage and Integrity, Be Sharp in Insight and Quick in Discernment, Surrounding Themselves With Good Staff Members and Advisers, and Enjoy God's Protection Over Themselves and Their Families."

"SAD NEWS FLASH 1: Appeals court upholds D.C. gaymarriage law. An appeals court on Thursday upheld the District of Columbia law allowing same-sex marriages, rejecting an effort by opponents to put the issue before city voters. In a 5 -4 decision, the D.C. Court of Appeals agreed with a D.C. Superior Court ruling and an earlier ruling by the city's Board of Elections and Ethics that said a referendum on same-sex marriage would violate the city's Human Rights Act. "

"SAD NEWS FLASH 2: Presbyterian Church of the USA delegates OK gay clergy, and table marriage proposal. Delegates to the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly in Minneapolis voted July 8 to allow the ordination of noncelibate (practicing) homosexuals, but shelved a proposal to re-

define marriage in a way that would include same-sex couples. By a vote of 373 (53.59 percent) to 323 (46.41 percent), delegates approved the measure on homosexual clergy, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. That proposal now must be ratified within 12 months by 173 regional presbyteries. The General Assembly has approved homosexual ordination three times before, only to have it rejected on the district level, the Star Tribune noted. The proposal to redefine marriage as being between "two people" instead of between "a man and a woman" was referred back to committee for further study by a 51 percent majority, the AP reported."

BOLDLY DEFENDING MARRIAGE

Rick Santorum, Former Senator from Pennsylvania

July 14, 2010, The Philadelphia Inquirer:

"Few politicians have the courage to protect the institution (of marriage) from the courts. Political consultants warn candidates to stay away from these issues because they are so personal and emotionally charged. The abortion debate is one on which I chose to ignore their advice. The reason: I simply could not square voting to permit the killing of an innocent baby in the womb with the Constitution I swore to defend, the God I try to obey, or the people I pledged to serve.

In 2004, when I was in the Senate, another contentious cultural issue returned to the national scene as a result of a judicial decision. The highest court in Massachusetts ruled that the state's definition of marriage was discriminatory, and it further exercised its raw power by requiring the Massachusetts legislature to change state law. This was not the first time this happened. In 1993, the Hawaii Supreme Court invalidated its state's marriage law and paved the way for same-sex marriage there.

The concern then was that other courts, using the U.S. Constitution's Full Faith and Credit Clause, would force other states and the federal government to recognize these judicially imposed marriages. In a rare moment of bipartisan accord on such cultural issues, Congress and President Bill Clinton responded by enacting the Defense of Marriage Act to protect states from further judicial assault.

The later Massachusetts ruling worried advocates of traditional marriage because it was the first such decision since the U.S. Supreme Court opened the door to invalidating marriage laws by creating a constitutional right to consensual sexual activity of any kind. Many of us felt this would be the first of many rulings by liberal state courts invalidating marriage laws.

The response from Congress was scant and predictable. Almost every member of Congress said he or she personally supported the definition of marriage that had existed since the country was founded. But they expressed about as much commitment to righting the judicial wrong as those who say they are 'personally opposed' to abortion.

They also had a convenient excuse for inaction: Congress, they claimed. had already protected marriage by passing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). This claptrap was designed to appease and to deceive. These marriage "supporters" knew full well that, given the propensity of judges to ignore the Constitution and the will of the people, it would be but a matter of time before DOMA, like the state marriage laws themselves, was deemed unconstitutional.

That happened last week, when a federal district court judge in (again) Boston ruled that the majority of Republicans and Democrats in Congress passed DOMA for the one purpose forbidden by law: "to disadvantage a group of which it disapproves.

The judge disregarded one of the principal justifications Congress gave for the law: supporting responsible procreation and childbearing. Why? Because President Obama's lawyer, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, dismissed that congressional finding in her brief defending the law. Presumably, Obama's Supreme Court nominee disagreed with Congress' rationale, so she felt no obligation to make that argument on behalf of the government."

All the articles above were taken with permission from the web page of the Tennessee Eagle Forum, Bobbie Patray, State President. http://www.tneagleforum.org. The information above is to help all of us realize the urgent need to live and propagate the truth of God's word on marriage, home and the family as we maintain the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). (JW)

THIS MISSION EFFORT IS COMMITTED TO TRAINING NATIVE CHRISTIANS TO REACH THEIR OWN WITH THE PURE AND UNPERVERTED GOSPEL OF JESUS

This coming September will mark the forty-third year (1967-2010) since the church at Camden, TN sent Laura and me with our brood (we had our three boys and two foster children) to Pakistan. Before returning to the States in 1970 we adopted our daughter, Ruth, who was born in Lahore, Pakistan in 1967. Laura who turned 71 on July 18th was 28 when we went to Pakistan; I was 31 and God willing I will be 75 November 4th.

In Pakistan we located in Karachi and within a year there was a school of preaching up and running. The work of training faithful men to preach (2) Tim. 2:2) has been the dominate theme of this work over these years. In doing so we have always served under the oversight of elders; at present the Main Street church in Crossville, TN is our sponsor and has been since July 2003.

The elders are Eddie Brown, Bill Foland, Larry McDuffee and Clyde Randolph. These are godly men who love the truth and are committed to the urgency of spreading the pure and unperverted gospel of Jesus, as He ordered (Mark 16:15). This work is not only blessed because of this eldership, but because of the many individuals and congregations around the nation, who not only help us now but have been doing so for decades. May our God and Father be praised for this blessing of providing such loving brothers and sisters, who have a heart and mind to spread the one true gospel. This selfless help of countless saints that abounds because of His mercy and grace has caused this work to grow abundantly. Here is a note that I wrote in the July 2010 issue of our Newsletter concerning the growth of this work dedicated to obeying TWO TIMOTHY TWO TWO:

"In the school year of June 2009-May 2010 there were just under 400 students in our Bible schools. This year (2010-2011) there are 411 enrolled in five states (this does not include schools set up by Don Iverson and Garry Jones). The cost to support each is now running about \$50 a month, which is very small in comparison to training a preacher in the States. However, 411 times \$50 means we must have over \$20,000 a month to keep the schools open. Please help as you can. Also let me thank all, especially the young people who are helping with 'Operation Compassion', i.e. goats for widows.'

OUR WORK OF EVANGELISM THROUGH BOOK DISTRIBUTION

This picture shows one of the Crossville elders, Larry McDuffee, stand-



ing beside a stack of boxes containing 2,700 books, which sent were from Crossville last July for those who attended the lectureship known as Polishing the Pulpit at Sevierville. TN. One of the major efforts of our mission

work is to supply good literature for the growth of the body, both at home and abroad. This year we are donating 2,500 books under three titles. Polishing the Pulpit for 2010 will be held August 27—September 2. Its purpose is to build up the body and is for elders, preachers, deacons, youth workers, teens, families and others. To register or for further information go to http://polishingthepulpit.com or phone 877-338-3397.