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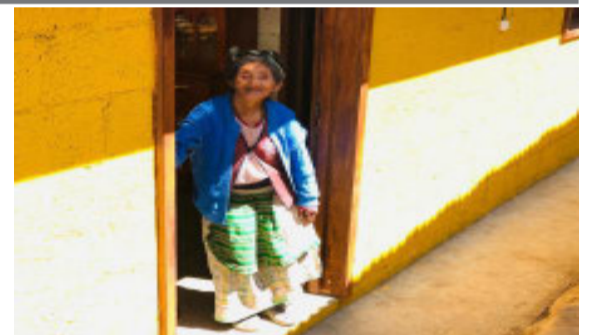
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As more than a year has passed since the coronavirus pandemic was declared, leading evangelical aid organization World Vision partnered with tens of thousands of faith leaders and communities worldwide to reach 59 million people through relief and virus prevention efforts.

Not long after the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020, World Vision, an interdenominational aid organization that operates in nearly 100 countries, launched the largest global response in its 70-year history.

Erica Van Deren, a senior program manager on World Vision's emergency response team, told The Christian Post that as the world was shutting down, World Vision kept working since that is the purpose God has bestowed on the organization and its staff. "COVID-19 has been our

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## The Profile of an Encourager!



**Rev. Manuel Joseph Th.M.**  
*Sub-editor, End-Time News*

Barnabas' real name was Joses, or Joseph, but he was given by the apostles the name Barnabas, which means "Son of Encouragement" or "Son of Exhortation" (Acts 4:36). Being "full of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 11:24), Barnabas outrivaled in encouragement and exhortation. The Bible says that, "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord" (Acts 11: 24).

About his background, we have scant information! We are told that he was a Levite from the island of Cyprus (Acts 4: 37). We are not told, nevertheless, whether the land he sold was in Judea or in Cyprus. He was either a cousin or an uncle to Mark the evangelist and Gospel writer (Colossians 4:10) and was seen as a great mentor to him. We see Barnabas' first activity in relation to the church in Acts 4: 36-37 and there we read him selling a land he owned to help provide for the poor fellow brethren in the church at Jerusalem. In fact, in those days in 31 AD, the church was in severe economic need as it had to look after the natives who had sold all they had and the non-natives who remained post the inception of the church at Pentecost.

He was a true encourager! Firstly, we see a clear account of this in Acts 9 in relation to the conversion of Paul and the aftermath. When Paul wanted to maintain a relationship with the Jerusalem church after his conversion, the church was suspicious and it was Barnabas who stood by Paul and testified of him that he was accepted. Many in Jerusalem church must have

been concerned to see Paul again, especially remembering his brutal deeds in their lives. It was Barnabas who verified the conversion of Paul. In another instance, we see him being sent to Antioch to support the new believers there (Acts 11: 22-24). The new believers at Antioch needed encouragement and direction and there was no other fitting person other than Barnabas. He understood what God's plan of bringing gentiles (non-Israelites) into the Church and undoubtedly spent the rest of his life serving God with this in mind.

Barnabas was a good trainer too! As mentioned already, Paul was mentored by him in the former's initial days as a Christian and as a teacher at Antioch. Afterward, Barnabas took Paul and a young disciple, John Mark, author of the Gospel bearing his name, on a trip (which is also known as Paul's first missionary journey) through Asia Minor. In the accounts in relation to this in Acts, we see both Paul and Barnabas mentioned as "apostles" (14:14) as, I suppose, they both had possessed the qualities and qualifications fitting to an apostle. But in the second missionary journey when they decided to revisit and encourage the churches they had established in the first, Paul and Barnabas had serious disagreements because of John Mark who had returned home in the middle of the first journey due to some sickness. Barnabas insisted that they should take Mark. With this being a bone of contention, they went separate ways (Acts 15:36-41). Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus and continued the ministry while training him

thereafter finally to become a disciple of Peter, under whose influence he wrote his gospel. John Mark, later, became so strong and mature in ministry and in time he proved himself even to the Apostle Paul. When Paul wrote the Colossians, he instructed them that if John Mark came, they were to welcome him (Col. 4:10). Paul even listed Mark as a fellow worker (Philem. 24). Later, Paul told Timothy to "Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry" (2 Tim. 4:11). This was all possible, indubitably, by the ministry of Barnabas who was not willing to desert a young minister who was hurt and rejected.

About his martyrdom, like his background, we have insufficient information. As per the known records, he was martyred in Cyprus while speaking with the Jews in a Synagogue, as he always did. They dragged him out having bound a rope to his neck, tortured him in the most possible inhumane ways and finally burned him. It is also said that it was John Mark who kept the remains of Barnabas in a cave in Cyprus. He was a man who lived his name, the encourager. He encouraged and trained everyone as per the gift he was given by the Lord and that should be a great lesson to us. Be an Encouraging Christian! May God Bless You!

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## THE POWER OF **RIGHT BELIEVING**



**K. Babu**

“When we learn the account of the woman caught in adultery, the Bible is silent on what Jesus wrote on the ground with His finger. And the Bible is still silent on whether the floor was stone or sand. But I believe that when He stooped down, He was writing the Law of Moses. I haven’t been in Jerusalem yet, but what I read from the books and what I learned from the people who had visited Jerusalem is that the Jerusalem Temple and its surrounding floor is made of hard cobblestone, the stone on which God engraved the Ten Commandments. This means Jesus was not writing on soil. He was writing with His finger on stone. If so, Jesus was writing the law of Moses on the cobblestone. That is why

**RIGHT BELIEVING SETS YOU FREE FROM FEAR AND ADDICTION “THIS SMALL MESSAGE HELPS YOU DISCOVER YOUR TRUE POSITION IN CHRIST “-YOU STAND ALWAYS FORGIVEN**

Jesus boldly asked the Pharisees;““You presume to teach Me about the Law of Moses? I am He who wrote the law.” Jesus wrote twice on the ground with His finger, thus completing the typology, as we know that God wrote the Ten Commandments with His finger twice. The first set of the Ten Commandments was destroyed (Broken) by Moses himself when he saw the Israelites worshipping the golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai. God then wrote another set on stones and gave it to Moses for it to be placed under the mercy seat in the ark of the covenant. This truth had never, ever been heard anyone preached before—it was a fresh revelation-grace revelation, straight from heaven. “• It is exiting to write and preach this new revelation in these last days .“• This is exiting to know the very One Who is the author of the law, obliterated it, instead of condemn

her..... Jesus said, “I too do not condemn you”.....and sin no more..“• If anyone who has right to condemn the woman was our all together lovely Lord Jesus Christ.“• It's so significant because it shows us that the very author of God's perfect law does not use the law to judge and condemn us today. “• And it's not because God simply decided to be merciful on us. No! and not at all... No and No....“• It's because Jesus Himself fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the law on our behalf.“• Jesus, on our behalf, took upon Himself every curse and stroke of punishment for our sins on His own body at the cross. “• Today we are completely forgiven of all our sins and transgressions because He was judged on our behalf. “• We are accepted because, He was condemned on our behalf.“• Whatever your challenge today, your answer is found in receiving a fresh revelation of how much you are forgiven in Christ.





Gladys Biju George

## IMITATE THE ATTITUDE

Attitude in every individual defines them in a perfect sense. So it is of core importance in life. People may even get some sort of attitude by imitating others. This seems useful and even harmful and that is marked by how or whom you follow. Apostle Paul urges the believers in Philippi that, Let this mind (attitude) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5). Viewing the passage below the attitude of Jesus is pointed out which can be summarized as follows.

The first and the foremost one is his humble nature. Being in the form of God he did not consider it robbery to be equal with God. made himself of no reputation, took the form of bondservant, came in the likeness of men and being found in appearance as a man. He humbled himself. Jesus was the Son of God but he addresses himself as the Son of man during the ministry. His birth, teachings, washing of disciple's feet, considering even a small child's approach, equal preference to everyone, eating with sinners, etc., were

apart of it. Even through the parable of the tax collector and Pharisee he explained that everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. Not only did he teach and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. In short, his complete lifestyle was focused on humility. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Though the Lord is on high, yet He regards the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar (Psa. 138:6). So as the children of God, we must imitate this mind of Christ.

The other attitude which is emphasized is Jesus becoming obedient to the point of death, till the death of cross. Jesus was subject to his parents. Yes, he obeyed and submitted even to the heavenly father's will. Due to that we see his arrival on this sinful earth. Obedience is the character that should be acquired and given the maximum priority in

Christian life. The entry of sin in this world due to the first Parents, Saul losing his kingdom, great wind and mighty tempest arising in the sea due to which Jonah was thrown and got caught up in the fishes' belly etc. were some instances that occurred due to disobedience. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to head than the fat of rams (1 Sam. 15:22)

When Apostle Paul says, imitate me just as I also imitate Christ (1 Cor. 11:1), he is bold enough that anyone else can follow his pattern as he has been imitating Jesus in a worthy manner. Imitating Christ and his attitude is necessary. It becomes completely empty to say you are a Christian when you cannot follow the steps of the Master. Let us imitate the attitude of Christ and may Almighty God help us to lead a victorious Christian life. God bless all.

# VATICAN SAYS CATHOLIC CHURCH CAN'T BLESS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: GOD 'CANNOT BLESS SIN'



The Vatican released a statement Monday announcing that churches have no power to bless same-sex marriage since God “cannot bless sin,” which clarifies Pope Francis’ stance on same-sex unions.

The Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a formal response to a question about whether Catholic churches have the power to bless same-sex unions. The question comes when “plans and proposals for blessings of unions of persons of the same sex are being advanced” in some “ecclesial contexts.”

“... It is not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage ...,” the Vatican statement reads. “As is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex. The presence in such relationships of positive elements, which are in themselves to be valued and appreciated, cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing, since the positive elements exist within the context of a union not ordered to the Creator’s plan.”

In a Monday interview with The Christian Post, Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, which claims to be the nation’s largest Catholic civil rights organization, said the statement was “very much” welcomed because it removed doubt about the Vatican’s position on this topic. “This [decision] finishes it,” Donohue said. “There’s nothing left to discuss. It’s non-negotiable. The Vatican left nothing on the table with these people pushing this agenda. It made it very clear that the Church can bless homosexuals as individuals, but it will never ever bless

homosexual unions, never mind gay marriage.”

Same-sex marriage can’t be considered lawful in the Church because there are no grounds to consider it “even remotely analogous

to God’s plan for marriage and family,” the statement written by Cardinal Luis Ladaria, a Spanish Jesuit, shared.

The Vatican’s statement comes after Pope Francis said during a documentary interview last October that he believes civil union laws should be created to legally cover same-sex couples in the civil sphere. “Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They are children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it,” the pope said.

Donohue said this was an awkwardly-phrased statement by the pope. But while some Catholics have urged Pope Francis to bless gay marriage in the past, the statement released today settles his position on same-sex unions. Donohue said the statement came from the top doctrinal office of the Catholic Church and would not be released without receiving the Pope’s blessing.

“I was actually struck by the fact that it was so definitive,” Donohue said. “They really slammed the door shut on this issue. And I think it’s welcome because some Catholics

and non-Catholics say, ‘Well, where is the Church on this issue? It seems to be bending toward their way.’ And now, I think this will put an end to it. And if people who are Catholic don’t like it, well, they are going to have to change their status then.”

In its statement, the Vatican said that the unlawful blessing of same-sex unions is not “a form of unjust discrimination, but rather a reminder of the truth of the liturgical rite and of the very nature of the sacramentals, as the Church understands them.”

The Vatican’s response said the Christian community and pastors should “welcome with respect and sensitivity persons with homosexual inclination” and find appropriate ways to “proclaim to them the Gospel in its fullness.” “But [God] does not and cannot bless sin: he blesses sinful man, so that he may recognize that he is part of his plan of love and allow himself to be changed by him. He in fact ‘takes us as we are, but never leaves us as we are,’” the statement added.

The Catholic Church’s stance goes beyond gay marriage since it will not bless any union against God’s design of marriage, Donohue concluded. “We can take it a step further,” he shared. “The Church will never bless cohabitation. This is not just with homosexuals. There are guys and gals who live together outside of marriage, and the Church does not recognize that. This is not strictly about homosexuals, although they are the ones who are pushing for it, obviously. But it would apply to any union that is outside of [licit marriage].”





**Pastor Shibu Thomas**  
Oklahoma, USA

**Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. (Isaiah 40; 15)**

**G**od is omnipotent. The verse above confirms that the Lord can carry the burdens and difficulties of His people no matter how heavy they are! Numerous times, when the life seems to be hard, we tend to think that we are carrying all our burdens by ourselves. No, this is no true. Jesus is your supporter and you are in His shadow. The Lord is always willing to show His work in our lives. The Lord who gathers waters of the sea into jars, the one who called the wind into existence, the one living above the universe, the one who measures the breadth and the width of the sky, will indeed look after you with His mighty

## GOD, THE OMNIPOTENT!

stretched arms. When the earth was lying in utter darkness, God said: let there be light and there was light and the darkness disappeared. The Lord's main aim, as we understand from the book of Genesis itself, when he sets the Sun, the Moon and other stars in the sky, is that He is interested in a shining earth and magnificent families and individuals.

was met when they went to the sea and caught the fish that had coins in its mouth as Jesus had sent them. If the Lord can weigh the island as if it is fine dust, then the Lord can carry all my burdens, no doubt. Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken (Psalm 55: 22). Cast all your



We must strive against the work of the darkness! Did he not transform the damp seabed into a dryland so that His people could cross over? Remember in Luke 18: 27, Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." Is there anything hard for the Lord who helped his disciples in need of money and the need

anxiety on him because he cares for you (1 Peter 5: 7).

**Prayer** -Lord, you are the creator and the sustainer of everything around me. I cast all my burdens on you. Fill me with the heavenly comfort. Amen!

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## CHRISTIAN GROUPS LAMENT PASSAGE OF BILL REQUIRING LESSONS ON ATHEISM, HUMANISM IN ALL WELSH SCHOOLS



Christian law firms have expressed concerns over the passing of a bill that would make it mandatory for all schools, including faith schools, in Wales to teach humanism on an equal footing with religions as well as broaden sex education themes and content. The provisions of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill, which is set to become law after passing all debate stages,

amount to "transferring the right of parents to decide their child's best interests about sex and religious education to the State," writes Elizabeth Francis, a legal officer for human rights group Alliance Defending Freedom, U.K., in an op-ed for The Conservative Woman. The Bill would change the term "religious education" to "religion, values, and ethics" so that non-religious worldviews can be taught alongside Christianity and other religious beliefs. It would also allow humanists to be part of the bodies that oversee and develop the syllabus, according to The Christian Institute. An initial proposal included giving atheists a veto over any religious teaching in schools, but the

clause was later dropped. However, it still "allows for disproportionate time to be spent studying Humanism or atheism. It also repealed key safeguards on the teaching of sex education," the Institute says. "The Welsh Government ignored two public consultations which clearly opposed these changes," the Institute's Wales Officer, Gareth Edwards, said. "In the last census only 815 people said they were humanists in the whole of Wales. Why have they been handed such influence over the content of religious teaching in schools?" he asked. Kathy Riddick of Wales Humanists, a group that lobbied for the law's passage, celebrated the lawmakers' decision. "We are absolutely delighted that the Senedd has passed this bill and that, after many years of campaigning

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## FIFTH CENTURY CHRISTIAN MONASTERY UNCOVERED IN EGYPT REVEALS 'NATURE OF MONASTIC LIFE' IN REGION



Archaeologists have uncovered an ancient Christian monastery complete with three churches, monks' cells and biblical graffiti in Egypt's Western Desert, revealing

monastic life in the region as far back as the fifth century A.D.

French-Norwegian archeologists made the discovery at the Tal Ganoub Qasr al-Agouz site in the Western Desert's Bahariya Oasis, according to

a statement from the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. "During its third season, the Norwegian-French archaeological mission working in Qasr Al-Agouz in Bahariya Oasis revealed a number of buildings made of basalt stone, carved into rocks and buildings constructed of mud bricks," the statement explains.

The complex comprises six sectors containing the ruins of three churches and monks' cells. The "walls bear graffiti and symbols with Coptic connotations," said Osama Talaat, head of Islamic, Coptic and Jewish Antiquities at the ministry.

Mission head Victor Ghica said that archaeologists made similar excavations of 19 structures embedded in the bedrock last year. The church walls "bear writings in yellow ink that include religious writings from the Bible in Greek," revealing "the nature of monastic life in the region," Ghica explained, adding that monks were clearly present there since the fifth century A.D.

The Egyptian Ministry said that the recently-discovered site is very "important" since it reveals previously unknown information about the planning of early monastic buildings and the formation of the first monastic congregations in Egypt.

The Guardian quotes the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology as stating that the site located in the desert southwest of Cairo was occupied from the fourth to eighth centuries, with a likely peak of activity around the fifth and sixth centuries.

The institute — the organization in charge of the mission — added that previous excavations in 2009 and 2013 shed light on other subjects, including "the production and preservation of wine as well as the husbandry of animals" in a monastic context.

In recent months, Egypt has presented several archaeological finds hoping to "revive tourism," which has suffered in recent years. The Copts, who make up about 10% of Egypt's population, are the descendants of a long line of ancient Egyptians who later converted to Christianity in the early first century, according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

Christian monasticism first emerged in Egypt at the beginning of the fourth century, originating with St. Anthony, considered the founder and father of the practice.

Anthony began to practice an ascetic life at the age of 20. After 15 years, he withdrew for absolute solitude to a mountain by the Nile River, where he lived from about 286 to 305, notes Encyclopedia Britannica.

The early monks who followed Anthony into the desert "considered themselves the vanguard of God's army, and, by fasting and performing other ascetic practices, they attempted to attain the same state of spiritual purity and freedom from temptation that they saw realized in Anthony."

When St. Anthony died (circa 356 or 357 A.D.), two types of monasticism flourished in Egypt — villages or colonies of hermits and monasteries that fostered community life.

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by Wales Humanists, humanism will be put on an equal footing with religions throughout the curriculum," Riddick said in a statement. "This is a huge success for inclusive education and Wales is very much leading the way. We congratulate the Government for its achievement."

Edwards added, "While this is a setback, Christians will still be able to have a positive influence in schools by responding to the public consultation on the RSE code in due course, and parents should also expect to be consulted by their schools before changes are brought in."

Francis warned, however, that it's likely "the Welsh law will act as the final pretext the Scottish parliament needs to move forward with plans to remove the current discretion given to faith schools when teaching sex education."

"Particularly when it comes to sensitive topics, the primary role of parents has always been respected as they are best placed to determine what is age-appropriate for the background, culture, and developmental maturity of their children," she added.

Francis said the governments in England and Wales appear to be "legislating deliberately to neglect parental rights — principles long upheld both domestic and internationally."

"The reforms also show the speed at which education policy is shifting," she warned.

### ● Submissions Invited ●

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## OVERSEAS INDIANS NEED PERMISSION FOR MISSIONARY, TABLIGH ACTIVITIES



Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cardholders will need special permission if they want to take up any missionary, Tabligh or journalistic activities, the Home Ministry has said in rules for overseas Indians seeking visas.

Those with OCI cards who want to take up these activities will need special permission

from the Foreign Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

Overseas Indians will also need permission to take up any research work, an internship with foreign missions or if they need to visit areas designated as restricted or protected. The OCI cardholders have to

inform the FRRO if there is a change in address.

According to sources in the Home Ministry, all the rules were part of the 'brochure' published by it on November 15, 2019, and have now been consolidated and notified.

What has raised questions in the new rules

are that activities like Tabligh – a religious sect – and journalism have been mentioned in the same breath.

The Tablighi Jamaat was in sharp scrutiny after multiple coronavirus cases across the country were traced to their religious gathering in Delhi in March last year when the pandemic was spreading across the world.

In December, a Delhi court acquitted 36 foreigners charge-sheeted over the Tablighi Jamaat congregation. The passports of these visitors had been seized.

Amid a huge controversy as allegations of the gathering becoming a Covid super-spreader took on religious tones, petitions asked the Supreme Court to act against the media for "spreading hatred" over the Tablighi meet at Markaz Nizamuddin.

## While the Bible was burning, a fire broke out and burned down the houses



Texas officers arrested a woman after she allegedly set fire to a Bible in her backyard, which caused flames to spread to her house as well as her neighbor's home.

San Antonio firefighters raced to Midcrown Drive at around 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, after being called out to reports of a duplex being on fire. When they arrived, firefighters found two homes were on fire.

Witnesses told it was caused by a woman who had set fire to a Bible in her backyard before the blaze spread to her home and a neighbor's house.

Resident John Bailey, who said he lives next door to the woman, told the network: "I ran out, tried to use my water hose to kind of spread it off and make sure it didn't get to my sister's house."

He added that he and other neighbors had been woken up by the sound of a woman banging on their front doors shouting that a duplex was on fire. He said: "The lady

came and knocked on the door, banged on the door and says: 'Oh fire, it's on fire.'"

Bailey also continued to tell the network that he and his sister lost all their medication in the fire and that their five dogs had been taken to an animal shelter until they could find a new place for them to stay. "Hopefully we can go and stay with relatives," Bailey told the network.

Photos taken in the aftermath of the fire showed the roofs of two homes had been severely damaged and collapsed. Others appeared to show both ends of the street being blocked off by police cars and fire trucks.

Another image showed a woman in handcuffs being led away from the homes by a police officer. Her identity has not been disclosed by police.

Captain John Flores of the San Antonio Fire Department said: "We had heavy fire showing for basically two residential structures. We started applying water as much as we could."

The woman, who allegedly started the fire by burning a Bible, was later arrested by police.

There were no reports of any injuries, although the estimated damage caused by the fire is understood to be around \$150,000.

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## YOU CAN TAKE MY LIFE IF YOU WANT, LEAVE THEM ALONE 'NUN KNEELS BEFORE MYANMAR ARMY



A nun went down on her knees in front of policemen in a northern Myanmar town and pleaded them to stop shooting protesters agitating against last month's coup.

Video showed Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng in a white robe and black habit kneeling on a street in the town of Myitkyina on Monday, speaking to two policemen who were also kneeling.

"I said, I don't want to see any trouble here and can't leave if police don't leave," she said. "I begged them not to shoot the children."

Tawng and one of the policemen then touched their foreheads to the ground.

At least two protesters were killed by gunshots at the head and three others were injured in the town on Monday, witnesses said.

Tawng had also come between protesters and police lines late last month, pleading for peace, local media reported.

Over 60 people have been killed and more than 1,800 detained in the crackdown on protests against the Feb. 1 coup, an advocacy group has said.

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## Sparkling Wisdom!

❖. "The prime reason the Savior personally acts as the gatekeeper of the celestial kingdom is not to exclude people, but to personally welcome and embrace those who have made it back home." **Tad R. Callister**

❖. "When you are running toward Christ, you are freed up to serve, love, and give thanks without guilt, worry or fear. As long as you are running, you're safe." **Francis Chan**

❖. "God has a purpose behind every problem. He uses circumstances to develop our character. In fact, he depends more on circumstances to make us like Jesus than he depends on our reading the Bible." **Rick Warren**

❖. "Spending time with God is the key to our strength and success in all areas of life. Be sure that you never try to work God into your schedule, but always work your schedule around Him."

**Joyce Meyer**

❖. "I realized that all my life, my values were based upon typical middle-class American values: hard work, doing good, living well, owning things, following the rules & being the best I can be... but God clearly says, 'those are not MY values. I value justice, mercy, and humility.'"

**John Green**

❖. "I'm not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me – he's got judo I never heard of. But he can't handle the One to whom I'm joined; he can't handle the One to whom I'm united; he can't handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature."

**A.W. Tozer**

❖. "Sometimes you must stand still in order to get moving to where God wants you to go."

**D.A. McBride**

❖. "Radical obedience to Christ is not easy... It's not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its reward in Christ. And he is more than enough for us."

**David Platt**

❖. "He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain."

**Randy Alcorn**

❖. "If your life is Christ, then your death will be only more of Christ, forever. If your life is only Christlessness, then your death will be only more Christlessness, forever. That's not fundamentalism, that's the law of non-contradiction."

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## ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER BIBLICAL SCROLL FRAGMENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 60 YEARS

Dozens of 2,000-year-old fragments from scrolls containing portions of the books of Nahum and Zechariah have been unearthed in Israel, an extremely rare discovery in the Judean Desert. The Israel Antiquities Authority announced the discovery of the uncovered fragments on Tuesday. They are the first of such discoveries in approximately 60 years. The Dead Sea Scrolls are fragments of religious manuscripts that were originally found in the Judean Desert decades ago.

The newly discovered fragments are Greek translations of the two minor prophets. Despite most of the fragments being in Greek, the name of God is written in Hebrew. The fragments come from a larger scroll found in the same place in the 1950s in Nahal Hever in the “Cave of Horror” that is approximately 80 meters below a cliff top and can only be reached by rappelling down the cliff. In addition to the biblical fragments, a 10,500-year-old woven basket from the Pre-Pottery Neolithic period was excavated, and a 6,000-year-old mummified skeleton of a child was also found.

Also known as Cave 8 in the Judean Desert, Israeli archaeologist Yo%anan Aharonin gave it the nickname “Cave of Horror” because the skeletons of 40 men, women and children were discovered there during the Judean Desert Expeditions in the 1960s, according to the Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The Israel Antiquities Authority has been more active in rescuing ancient artifacts in the region since 2017.

Significant looting has plagued the area ever since Bedouin shepherds first discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls, also known as the Qumran Caves Scrolls, in 1946. “The desert team showed exceptional courage, dedication and devotion to purpose, rappelling down to caves located between heaven and earth, digging and sifting through them, enduring thick and suffocating dust, and returning with gifts of immeasurable worth for mankind,” IAA Director Israel Hasson, who led the rescue operation, said in a statement.

“The newly discovered scroll fragments are a wake-up call to the state. Resources must be allocated for the completion of this historically important operation. We must ensure that we recover all the data that has not yet been discovered in the caves before the robbers do. Some things are beyond value.”



The IAA team has thus far reconstructed 11 lines of Greek text from Zechariah 8:16-17 and Nahum 1:5-6.

The entire passage from Zechariah reads: “These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to one another, render true and perfect justice in your gates. And do not contrive evil against one another, and do not love perjury, because all those are things that I hate—declares the Lord.” The Nahum passage reads: “The mountains quake because of Him, And the hills melt. The earth heaves before Him, The world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His wrath? Who can resist His fury? His anger pours out like fire, and rocks are shattered because of Him.”

The fragments were written in a “new” Greek translation that differs from the traditional Masoretic texts.

According to the IAA, the translation’s differences reveal “quite a bit regarding the transmission of the biblical text” until the time of the Bar Kochba Revolt.

The Bar Kochba revolt was a rebellion of the Jews led by Simon bar Kochba against the Romans around 132-136 A.D., the last of the three major Jewish-Roman wars. The revolt is also called the Third Jewish-Roman War or Third Jewish Revolt.

“These finds are not just important to our own cultural heritage but to that of the entire world,” Avi Cohen, CEO of the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, said in a statement. “Without the consistent and coordinated action of the various government offices, the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Civil Administration, these special assets would not be made accessible to the public, rather would remain in the possession of antiquities looters.”

Amir Ganor, who heads the IAA’s Theft Prevention Unit, said the agency finally decided to pre-empt the thieves before the treasures were looted. The scraps containing lines from Nahum and Zechariah were discovered in clumps and rolled up in the Cave of Horror.

He estimates that approximately 25% of the Judean Desert has not been surveyed, according to The Times of Israel. By using drone technology and rappelling gear, those rescuing the ancient artifacts can explore caves that have been considered “unreachable,” some of which human beings have not entered for nearly 2,000 years.

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## CHRISTIAN CHARITY HELPS BUILD 60 HOMES FOR IMPOVERISHED WIDOWS IN GUATEMALA

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When missionaries working with the international ministry World Challenge offered to build a home for 90-year-old Simona, a widow living in rural Guatemala, she balked at the idea. “She had lost children due to illness and starvation, and she was struggling with her own health. She said, ‘I’m not worth it. Don’t build me a home. What’s the point?’” Mark Buzzetta, World Challenge’s global director of mercy ministries, said in a recent interview.

“But after we came alongside her and built her a home, her joy was infectious. It was like we’d taken her out of a horrific condition and given her a palace to live in,” he told *The Christian Post*. “Someone who had struggled for so long received a miracle. We were able to share with her that Christ loved her, that God had pointed her out to us, lifted her out of anonymity, and we had the privilege of giving her a new home.”

Simona’s home is just one of 60 built for widows in rural Guatemala by partners of World Challenge, a Colorado-based nondenominational Christian organization active in over 40 countries that seeks to bring biblical solutions to poverty within reach of every poor community around the world. The charity also aims to evangelize to the lost and empower, equip and encourage Christians in their daily faith.

According to Buzzetta, World Challenge’s home-building project in Guatemala began in 2018 after coming into contact with a ministry that sought to build homes for local widows but had few funds or resources to make an impact.

“Our mission is to help the poorest of the poor, so we came alongside this local mission and have since accelerated their program by 100%,” he said. “I’ve visited all of the homes that we’ve supported and provided for and met the people and heard their stories. And it’s just unbelievable. So many of these women were just scraping by for a living. The transformation they were able to experience was truly incredible.”

Buzzetta shared that many widows living in rural areas of Guatemala are marginalized, seen as little more than economic burdens and social liabilities. Part of the ministry’s mission, he said, is to give them “value and dignity of life.”

“We let them know that everything we do is coming from Jesus,” Buzzetta said. “God has identified them. He loves them. All we are is a conduit to help them experience His love in a tangible, practical way.”

Besides providing housing, food, and clean water for widows, World Challenge offers access to doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals. Many of the women the ministry works with, he revealed, have never seen a doctor.

“Because of the region these women live in, many have sustained physical injuries or are suffering from cataracts and are unable to venture out safely,” he said. “Many of them have treatable ailments that get extremely serious because they lack access to medical care.”

The global director recounted the story of Louisa, a woman helped by the ministry who

had acquired a severe staph infection after gashing her leg on the mountainside.

“We immediately took her to the doctor, and it was the first time she’d ever ridden in a car,” he recalled. “She was in the front seat, looking out the window, and she kept saying, ‘It’s so beautiful. It’s so beautiful.’ For her, the simplicity of riding in a car was life-changing, and then receiving medical care and eventually a new home — the gratitude she had was just amazing.”

Christians living in affluent countries can learn a great deal from those living in extreme poverty, Buzzetta said. He revealed that when he asks the widows what else the ministry can do to help them, their response is always the same: “What do you mean, ‘What more?’ This is everything, compared to what we had.”

“We have been so conditioned with the ways of the world, namely materialism, fame, position authority, wealth,” he said. “We are taught to chase after this never-ending gold ring. It’s all about us. If there could ever be a message that would be contrary to the Bible, it’s the message of our world. It’s about Satan convincing us that our worth is based on what we have, our possessions, our position at work, our beauty.”

“I think just if there was any way that we could step out of this ‘me mindset’ and take our eyes off of ourselves, our world would change,” Buzzetta continued. “All of the things that we strive for, we stress out over, we destroy relationships over — let’s refocus our eyes on Christ.”

World Challenge encourages Christians worldwide to pray for those living in poverty and difficult conditions and ask the Lord to utilize their lives for His glory.

“We would love for people to help us in our widows’ program both in Guatemala and around the world, but first and foremost, we just don’t want money. We want people to have their hearts changed to really reach out to the Lord and truly have their hearts transformed for others,” he explained.

“Let the Lord impress upon their hearts what they should do for Him,” Buzzetta added. “And then if that happens to lead to us, that’s great. But first and foremost, seek the Lord, seek His righteousness, and let everything else flow out of that.”



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largest both domestic response and international response that we've ever organized as an organization," Van Deren said in an interview. "It's been a remarkable amount of work and really just a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this really, really challenging time."

World Vision U.S. President and CEO Edgar Sandoval said the response would not have been possible without partnerships of churches and pastors. World Vision partnered with over 124,000 faith leaders through networks already formed from responding to Ebola, HIV/AIDS and Zika virus in the past.

"This incredible work could not have been done without our valuable church partners," Sandoval said in a statement. "The Church has been a force for good — living outside its four walls and working hand-in-hand with their neighbors to distribute life-saving food, PPE, and other essentials that saved lives." In the United States alone, World Vision worked with 1,300 churches and donated 3 million boxes of fresh food to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families program. The organization also provided 2.5 million units of personal protective equipment and impacted nearly 500,000 families by providing emergency essentials.

Rebecca Berry, the partnership coordinator and engagement specialist at Lakeridge Elementary School in Seattle, Washington, picks up cleaning supplies as teachers and students prepare to return to in-person learning. | World Vision/Laura Reinhardt Van Deren said this is the first time the charity has coordinated a response effort in every country it operates worldwide.

Around the world, countries have faced increasing hunger. And the United Nations reported last year that virus-linked hunger led to the deaths of 10,000 more children a month over the first year of the pandemic. The World Food Program has warned that as many as 270 million people could be pushed to the brink of starvation. "We sense that we are rounding the curve here in the U.S., but I think around the world, it will be months or years until many people are going to have the hope of a vaccine," Van Deren said. "So, it's World Vision's job to do all that we can right now to bring hope to



this generation of children in this second year. ..."

Van Deren said World Vision often serves as the "bridge" between the World Health Organization or the U.N. to actually get the resources to individuals in need.

World Bank predicted the pandemic could add up to 150 million people to the extreme poverty category in 2021. Unemployment has increased, and extreme poverty is on the rise for the first time in 22 years. World Vision statistics also show that child marriage and violence against females are climbing due to the pandemic.

"The secondary impacts of the virus on the world's poorest people — especially children — are deadly and long-lasting," Sandoval shared.

World Vision's efforts reached over 26 million children in the last year. "As we fight to protect people from the virus, we must also protect them from the deadly aftershocks of the pandemic," Sandoval said. "That is where World Vision will be focused. We are fully committed to empowering people living on the margins to fulfill their God-given potential."

A year later, World Vision has transitioned its pandemic response focus to encourage vaccine acceptance around the globe and address the secondary effects of the pandemic. Plans include increasing assistance to families facing hunger, helping to restore families' livelihoods and informing

communities about vaccines. Van Deren said a large part of World Vision's efforts in the next year will be assisting families to "build back" their lives.

World Vision will continue to utilize partnerships with faith leaders to reach communities and promote vaccinations. "Pastors and faith leaders will continue to play a critical role as the most trusted leaders in their communities," Sandoval said. "They are essential to vaccine acceptance and reaching the most vulnerable still suffering the impacts of this deadly pandemic."

Despite the toll the pandemic had, Sandoval said World Vision has hope for the future and the lives that will be saved in the next year. "Today, we remember the millions of precious lives lost to COVID-19 — and countless more families suffering the impacts of the pandemic," Sandoval added.

"Yet, even as we mourn, we look ahead with hope to the many lives that will be saved with the rollout of the vaccine. Now as we focus on getting the vaccine to as many people as possible here in the United States, we also must not forget people living in some of the poorest countries in the world, each precious in God's sight. Unless we consider their well-being as important as our own, COVID-19 will remain a threat, here and everywhere."





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