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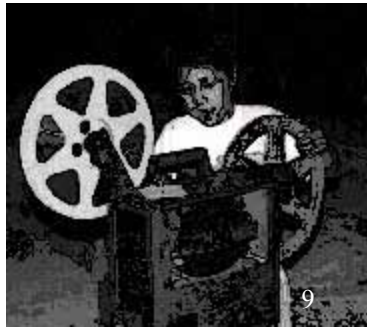
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From the Director



Paul Washer preparing a lecture at the historic Baptist Seminary in Bucharest, the capital city of Romania.

MY WIFE CHARO AND I HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED from a two week journey to the great country of Romania. It was a wonderfully exciting and exhausting time. For eight nights I was granted grace to preach to crowds of over one thousand at the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, and the historic Romanian Opera House in Bucharest. The days seemed to fly by as we spent our nights preaching and our days meeting with pastors, missionaries and new believers. There were many professions of faith and much repentance and renewal among the believers.

As I think back on those two weeks the one thing I cannot forget are the faces of those who stared back at me as we drove through the country side and walked through the city streets. The expression of hopelessness on each face called out to me like the man from Macedonia. The tired bodies and downcast eyes seem to ask the haunting question, "Is there no one who cares for my soul?" Charles Wesley once penned the cry of his own heart when he wrote, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemers praise." As I looked out over the thousands of lost souls in Romania, I thought to myself, "Oh for a thousand tongues to preach my great Redeemer's Gospel!"

On the front cover of this issue of HeartCry there stands a church steeple that bears both a Cross and a clock. The Cross is that eternal sign of the great redemption bought for God's people two thousand years ago on a hill called Calvary. The clock represents the urgency of

our mission as the end draws near and eternity stands at the threshold. As Christians, called to the Great Commission, there must be an urgency in our life that compels us to risk our lives to make the Gospel known to the world and there must be an urgency in our message that compels men to contemplate the end of all things, turn from this world and embrace the Cross of Christ. As Christians, we recognize that God is sovereign and holds the times and seasons in His hand. Nevertheless, our understanding of sovereignty should not quench our passion or blind our eyes to the urgency of the moment. We are living in the greatest age of the Christian Church, with the greatest possibilities and means of making the Gospel known to our generation. This is no time for sleeping, no time for being lax in the name of Sovereignty. This is a time for action. The preaching of the Gospel to every nation in our generation is no longer an unattainable dream, by faith it can become an embraceable reality. With this goal in view, let us heed the words of the apostle Paul who admonishes us to, "Run in such a way that we may win." (I Corinthians 9:24)

A Time To Pray



For the Sending Forth of Missionaries

Father, The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. How shall they believe in You whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? Father, I beseech you to send out workers into your harvest. I offer myself and my family. Here am! Send me! Amen.

For the Proclamation of the Gospel

Father, I intercede for all those who have gone out into the world proclaiming the Gospel. I pray that you may open up a door before them and they may make the most of every opportunity to preach the Word clearly and with power. Let their speech be seasoned with grace and their life a beautiful adornment of the Gospel. Amen

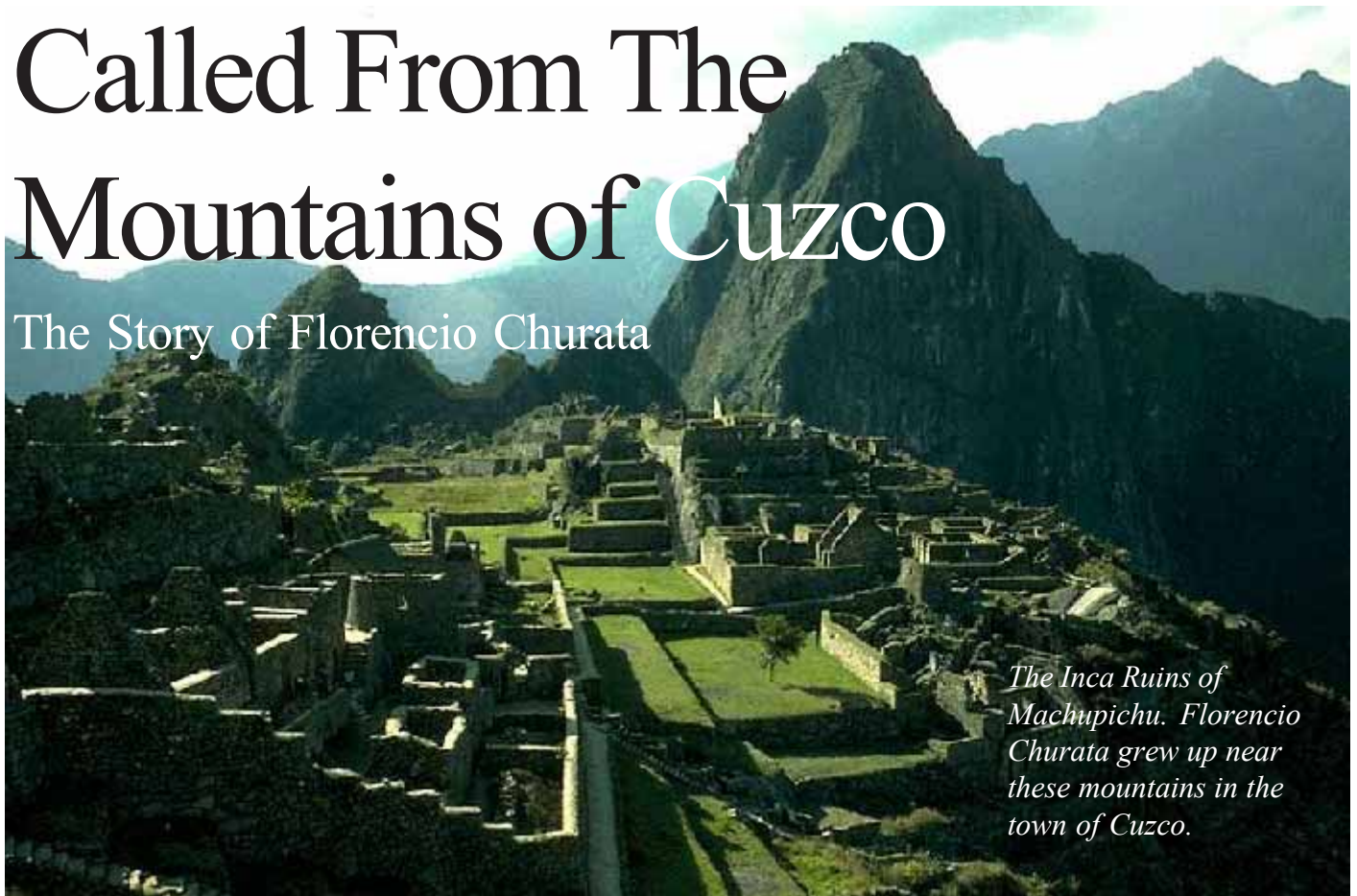


For the Conversion of the Nations

Father, I pray that you may give the nations as an inheritance for your Son. Draw your elect from every nation, tribe, people and tongue. Cleanse them from all their filthiness and from all their idols. Give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them. Remove their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Put Your Spirit within them and cause them to be careful to walk in Your statutes and observe Your ordinances. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Called From The Mountains of Cuzco

The Story of Florencio Churata



The Inca Ruins of Machupichu. Florencio Churata grew up near these mountains in the town of Cuzco.

Florencio Churata is supported by HeartCry and serves with brother Angel Colmenares in the northern province of Piura. He travels through the Northern Andes Mountains as an itinerant teacher and preacher, training the pastors and laypersons in the most remote areas.

The Lord Jesus Christ touched my heart and life on the 29th of November, 1989. That day I was drawn by the Spirit of God and came to Christ, repenting of my sins and trusting in Him as Savior. From the moment of my conversion I longed to serve God and study His Word. As I began to grow, I sensed that God was calling me to serve Him as a minister of the Gospel.

To surrender to God's will was a very difficult decision for me. I knew that the road to obedience would be a costly one. The people of my village, as well as my family, were Catholic and set against the

Gospel of Jesus Christ. My family was very poor and my father counted on me to help provide for the rest of my family. There was no seminary near my village and the poverty of my family prohibited me from traveling to the nearest Bible Institute. Because of these great obstacles, I stayed in my village with my family and studied at the nearby University.

In my first year at the university, I held on to the hope that one day God would change my circumstances and allow me to prepare for the ministry. I thought I was exempt from God's call because there was no way humanly possible to fulfill it, but I was wrong. Through my first year of studies God would not leave me alone. There was a relentless call coming to me from the earth and the heavens. I could not escape the vision of the world and its harvest fields. The harvest was ready, but it rotted in the field because the workers were few. I could not escape the call from the heavens, hearing God say day and night, "Whom shall I

send and who will go for us?"

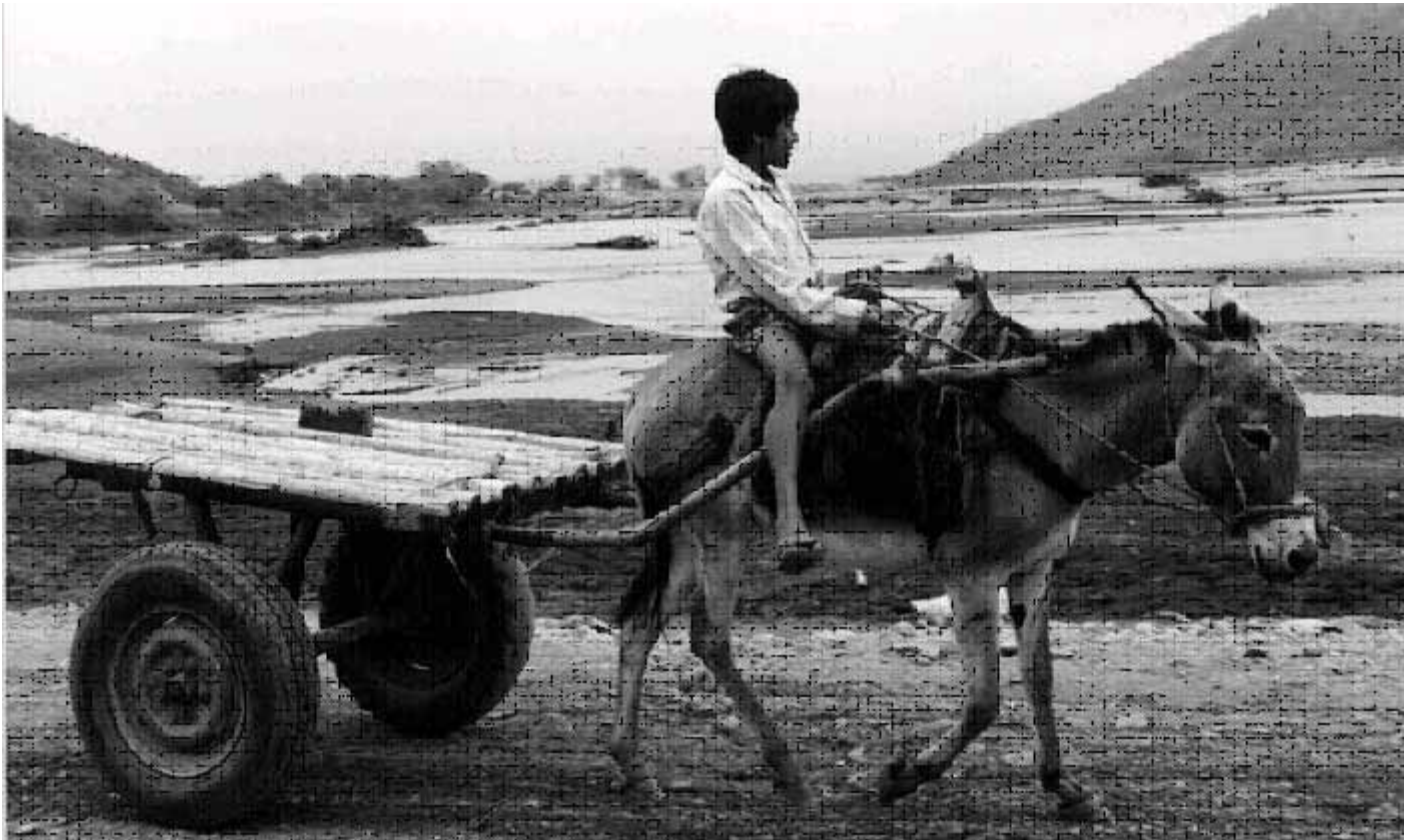
It was at this time that I discovered that personal circumstances are never an excuse for not following God's will or obeying the Great Commission. I had to obey God regardless of the obstacles and in spite of what it would cost me. I had to please God rather than men and submit to God rather than to my circumstances. My family was strongly opposed to my decision and fought me at every turn. It was a very sad time for me, but through it all I learned to fear God more than men. In May of 1993, I was forced to leave home because of my decision to follow Christ. I worked on my own and rented a small room with four other young believers in the faith. The room was no larger than a small bedroom and yet it was where we cooked, ate, slept and prayed.

As the months flew by I was reading my Bible, praying and growing in the things of God. Then one fateful morning my entire life was changed. At about sunrise I heard a knock at the door. Since

we had no heat in our room and it was extremely cold, no one wanted to get up and go answer the door. But finally the knocking became more desperate and one of my roommates jumped out of bed and opened the door. When the lamps were finally lit, I saw my little brother crying uncontrollably. He fell into my arms crying out, "Our father is dead!" "Our father is dead!" I stood there not fully understanding what had happened and unable to react. Finally my brother handed me a letter which declared that our fa-

debris. The place was so remote that the authorities did not even attempt to bring in the necessary machinery to remove the dirt or find the bodies of those that were buried. With my hands, I dug for my father's body for four days, but finally I collapsed with exhaustion. Nine months earlier my father had left our village to cut wood in the jungle. I had not seen my father those nine months and realized then that I would never see him again. To my knowledge, he died without the Gospel of Jesus Christ and was lost forever. I was

called me to serve Him and that I could not turn back as I had done before. He looked me straight in the eyes and told me to obey and serve God first and not to think of myself or even my family. I asked him how I could leave my mother and brothers? Who would feed them and take care of them? His answer was simple. The God who cared for the widows and the orphans would do it. This is when I finally understood the words of Jesus, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow



As a boy, Florencio worked with his father carrying lumber from the jungles to the town of Cuzco. When Florencio was in seminary, his father was killed in a mudslide. Florencio spent four days digging alone to recover his father's body. Under more than 20 feet of mud and debris, the body was never found.

ther had been killed in a landslide in the jungles of "Madre de Dios" [Mother of God] where he was cutting timber. Paralyzed and numb with cold I stood there crying like a baby.

I traveled 12 hours in the back of a truck and then walked 8 hours more until I arrived at the place where my father was buried under several feet of mud and

overwhelmed with grief.

I returned to my village knowing that I would have to give up all hope of studying or serving God. As the oldest brother in my family, I had to support my three younger brothers and my mother. When I arrived, my old pastor came to the house and told me not to distrust the Lord and deny my call. He told me that God had

me" (Matthew 16:24).

For the next few months I stayed in the village with my family. There were times when we had nothing and I cried to the Lord for our provision. He answered my prayers and I began to see that all my difficulties were part of a greater lesson I need to learn -



HeartCry supported Florencio Churata through seminary and now supports him as an itinerant evangelist and teacher among the mountain people of northern Peru.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:6-6

In the summer of 1994, the day before I had to leave for my studies on the west coast of Peru, I had no money for the bus ticket to the seminary or the tuition necessary to study, but I had been

trained in faith by the Lord's dealings with me and I knew that my heavenly Father would provide. In my poverty and trials, I had learned to trust Him. The day I left was painful. My mother cried and my brothers could not understand why I was going. Their pain caused a great battle to rage in my heart, but I knew that God had to come first and that I needed to take this cross. That day I left my village crying, but three years later I returned with joy and laughter. For God took care of my family while I was gone. They lacked nothing to eat or wear the entire time that I was a way. God is truly a good God, overflowing with mercies and abundant kindness. He is a strong tower and a faithful Father who does exceedingly beyond all we ask or think according to His grace. Praise Him! Praise Him!

When I began seminary I had nothing, I studied all day and worked all night and could not give myself to the things of God as I desired. But then one day, the seminary director told me that brother Paul Washer wanted to speak with me. I had heard many stories about him, but had never met him. Brother Washer had only talked to me for a few minutes when he declared that God was going to provide for my seminary support so that I could study full time and be about the Lord's business. He told me that HeartCry would help me through the giving of God's people in other countries. I was overwhelmed with joy and dedicated my-

self to being a good steward of God's goodness. With the help of HeartCry I was able to attend seminary, work in the ministry and even send some money home to help my family. It was such a blessing to meet brother Paul and HeartCry because God used them to help me finish my degree in seminary.

After my seminary studies, I went to the northern province of Piura to work under Angel Colmenares. I knew that he was one of the greatest church planters in the world and I wanted to learn from him. He took me in and I began to train the mountain pastors in doctrine and biblical studies. There are many sects and cults and false teachers that are constantly disturbing the works and therefore it is important to teach the mountain pastors the truth of Scripture. The pastors are often times greatly used of God, but they have never had the opportunity to study doctrine. This is why it is so important that we teach them so that they may teach others. I know that God has granted me the privilege of studying in the seminary so that I can serve others and I do this with great joy. I work high up in the Andes Mountains and sometimes it is very demanding on my body, but I thank God that He called me in my youth and that I can use all my strength for His cause.

I still live and minister away from my village (about three days riding on a bus), but God continues to help my mother and brothers. One of my brothers is now living with me. His name is Joseph Isaac, I help him go to school and provide for whatever he needs. We are very poor but God provides for all our needs. I hope that some day my brother will also be called of God to serve Him. He is only 13, but loves God. I only pray that he will be a good man and a servant of God.

I want to conclude by thanking those of you who support me through HeartCry. It is because of you that I am able to travel through the mountains and spend my life for the cause of Christ. God is working through you and you are working through me. Every time I preach, you are preaching with me. Every time I win one to Christ, you win them with me.



Florencio street preaching in the town of Pacaypampa. The church and pastor were struggling and down cast by the villager's lack of interest in the Gospel. Florencio spent two months ministering in Pacaypampa. The Church was revived, men were brought to Christ and there was a renewed interest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Difficulties Crossing Cultures

Francisco and Karen Laos are HeartCry missionaries in the high jungles of Bagua and among the Aguaruna tribe of Condor Canqui in the northern jungles of Peru.

We give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for you. It never ceases to amaze us as to how He uses you to bless our lives so that we may in turn be a blessing to others. We rejoice greatly in you and in the things that God has allowed us to experience together in His work.

During the first weeks of this year we ministered among the Aguaruna Christians in the jungles of Condor Canqui. It was a very difficult and disappointing time for us and the Aguaruna pastors. We have been working with the Aguarunas and training their pastors for more than two years, and hoped to begin a Pastor's Training Institute using the material offered by World Outreach. But after three days of meetings we saw that the material offered by World Outreach was beyond the reach of the Aguaruna pastors. Although most of them are bilingual, their Spanish is not sufficient to grasp many of the theological and ministerial concepts taught in the material. The pastors have such a desire to grow, but the language barrier is too great. This wore heavy on their hearts and the majority of them returned to their villages downcast and defeated. As they departed, I exhorted them to trust in the Lord and pray. God will show us the way to set up a training institute among the

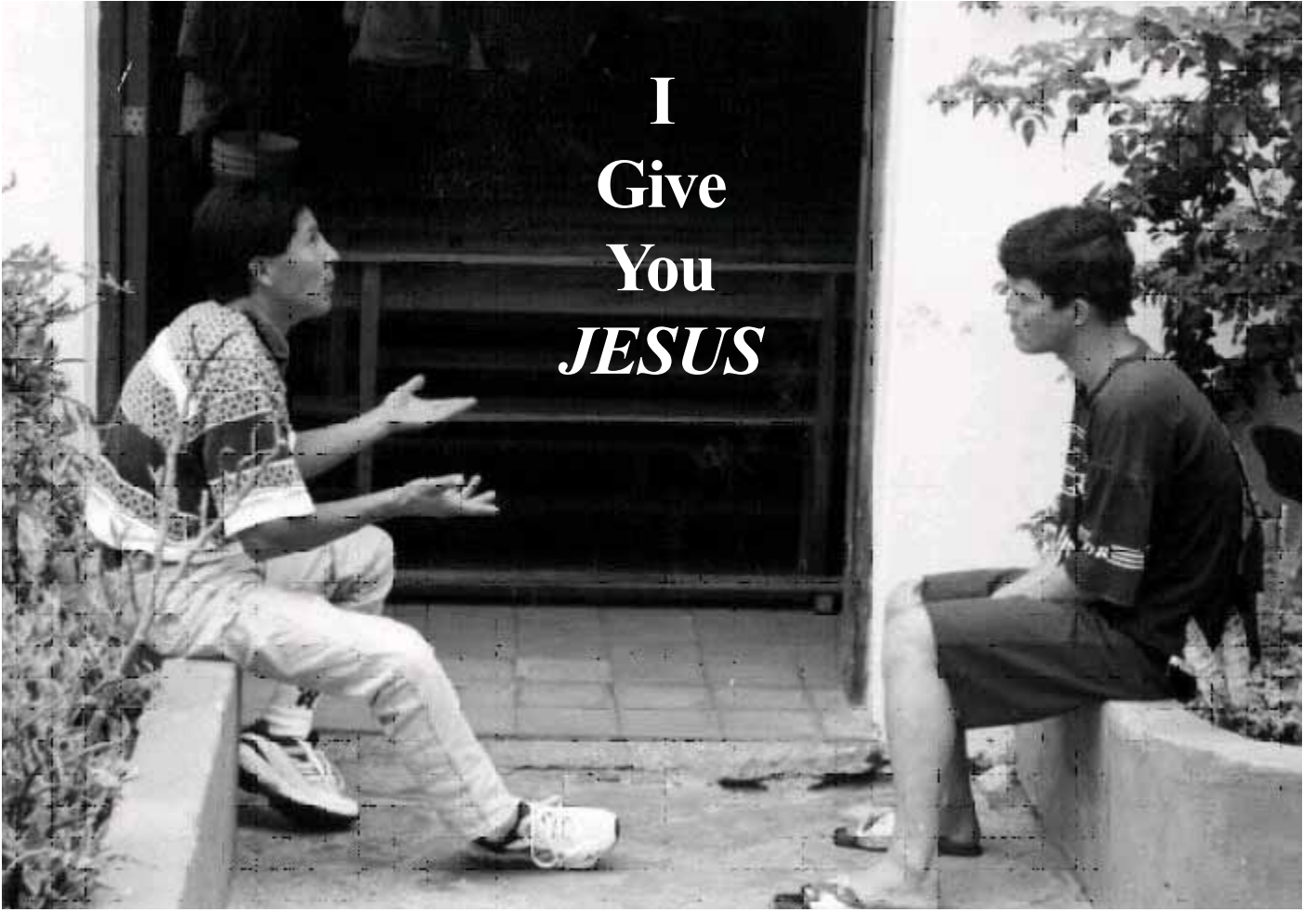
Aguaruna.

For the next few months I will be working on putting together an institute with material that is less complex and more relevant to the Aguaruna way of life. I hope also to enlist Daniel Colmenares and Florencio Churata to work with me in order to teach the pastors in a more effective manner. My heart breaks in two every time I remember the tears of frustration and pain that I saw on the faces of the Aguaruna pastors. Please pray for us and them, that God may grant us the wisdom to overcome this difficult problem.

In the middle of the month of January, we had an evangelistic campaign in the city of Bagua Grande. We preached and showed evangelistic films to many unbelievers. The people of this jungle city are very hard and many are given to great corruption, however we are convinced in God's power to save. In the town of Aserradero where Karen and I have our base, we continued with our study of the book of Acts. The study is being used by God to encourage the believers to reach out and expect God to do great things.

During the month of December we were visited by Karen's father who stayed with us for a week and saw the Christian life first hand. We hope and pray that this will open his eyes to his great need for Christ. In the mean time we remain your servants and partners in the work and we remember you in our prayers with gratitude and joy.





I Give You *JESUS*

Dino Ortiz is a HeartCry missionary working in the prison system of Asuncion Paraguay. A complete article concerning his ministry appeared in the January issue of the HeartCry magazine. In the photograph above Dino is sharing Christ with a young inmate in prison. The following is his bi-monthly report.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I greet you in the name of our Lord and ask His richest blessings upon you.

In our ministry at the Juvenile Jail in Asuncion we are going through a time of great trials, but our Lord is teaching us to be determined, to persevere and not be discouraged by our circumstances. The source of our trials is the great opposition that we are facing from the priest who is in charge of the "spiritual" and "educational" matters in the jail. Because of the growth of our Bible studies and the number of new conversions, he has now enlisted the help of two other priests

to work with him in opposing us. Every day they speak with the boys who have been converted in order to confuse them about their faith. They have also allowed the Seven Day Adventist to enter the prison in order to create doctrinal confusion among the boys. We are allowed only two hours, two days a week to teach the boys, while they are given 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The priest is very strict about the time we have with our boys and tries to limit us every way he can. Nevertheless we cannot complain because it was God who opened the doors for us in the first place, and it is God who can open the doors even wider. Please pray that somehow we will be given more time to work with the boys who so desperately need Christ. Sometimes the guards take so long to check me into the jail that I have little time left to minister to the boys. Often, I run out of time at the very moment that some of the boys become interested in the discussion. Please pray for

me that I will have wisdom to walk in the Spirit and do that which pleases God.

In spite of the opposition, we have also experienced blessing from God. We have now been allowed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the areas of the prison that before were off limits to "protestants." We now have 18 young men that profess Christ as Savior and Lord. This past December, we prepared a small Christmas program in which we preach the Gospel to every inmate and guard in the prison. God made our provisions over abundant and we were able to give each one a cake. There was a total of 420 people who attended and we had brought only 400 cakes. We were very sad because we had to leave the prison without giving 20 boys any cake for Christmas. But as we were leaving we looked in the car and found more cakes that we had not seen! For this, we thanked our God and returned to the prison to give the cakes to the boy. Because of the pro

The Scripture commands the ministers of the Gospel to be ready to preach "in season" and "out of season." Missionary Dino Ortiz fulfills the command, being ready to preach the Gospel anywhere and at any time. Here he is preaching to the employees in an ice-cream factory in Asuncion. Of the 30 employees, 23 have now professed faith in Christ.



visions that we shared with the inmates and guards, many hearts were opened to the Gospel and five boys made professions of faith.

One can only imagine what a depressing and torturous time that it is for the boy to be locked up and away from their families during the holidays. So many of them get lonesome, restless and even violent, but the authorities at the prison have told me that this is the first year in which they have not had problems with their behavior. The reason for this change is that we have boys that are Christians in almost every section of the prison and they have a good testimony among the others. They and their message of Jesus are the salt that works against the corruption of sin. Thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place!

Please pray for our young boys in

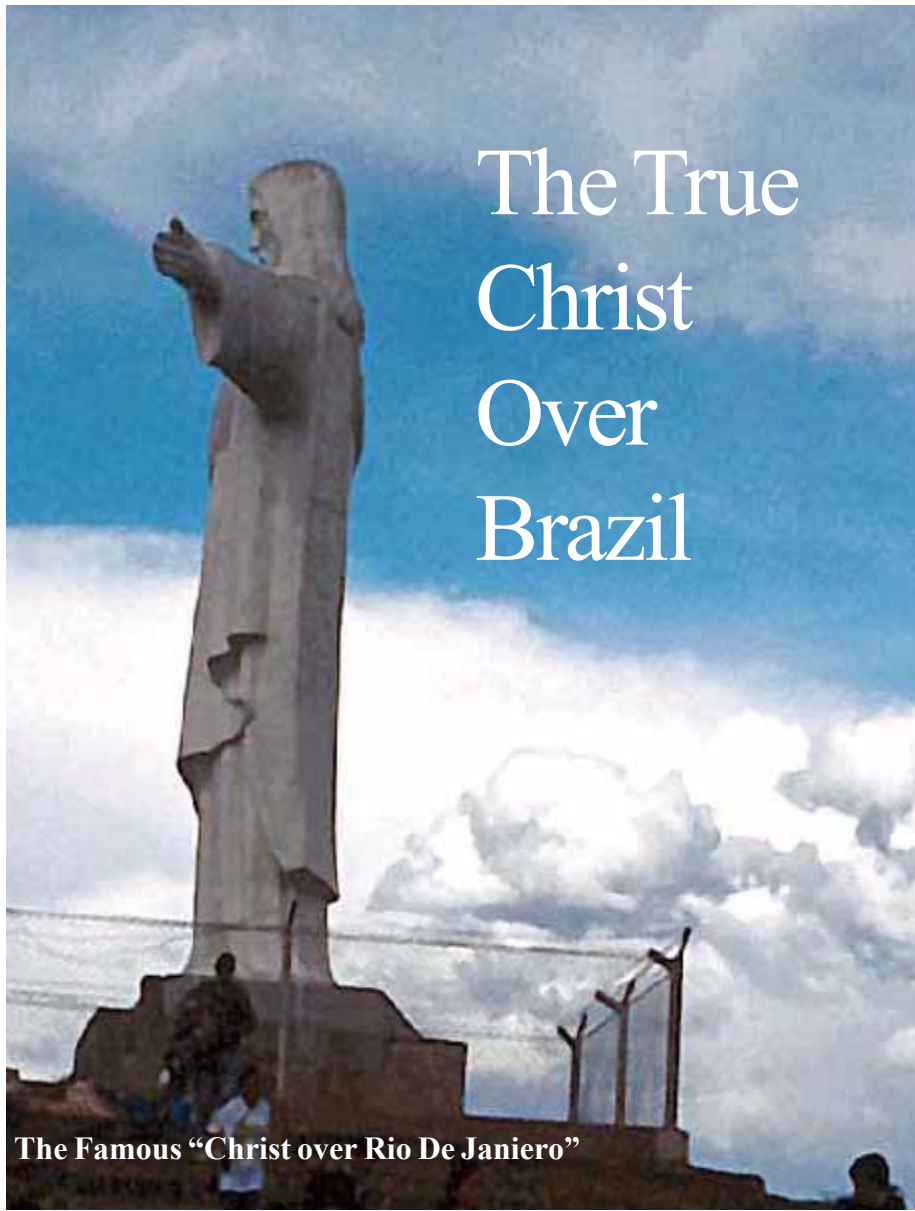
the prison. Many of those who were previously converted have finished their term in the prison and are back out on the streets. We are trying to help them enter once again into society as Christians, but it is difficult to find them a place to live and a job where they can make a living. There are a few rehab centers in Asuncion, but most of them do not have a program that would benefit a new Christian seeking to live according to the Word of God.

Our ministry at the adult men's jail is going well. We have about 30 men in our Bible studies and many of the men are involved in self study Bible courses. Our greatest battle with the men is doctrinal confusion. There are so many winds of doctrine blowing through Paraguay that it is difficult to keep new believers on the right path and away from the wolves that seek to devour them. Pray that we have wisdom in teaching God's Word and that the men see that the Word is the only

bases for doctrine, faith and practice.

Before I conclude this letter, I would like to share with you about an interesting ministry that has resulted in the salvation of several young men. Last year, the owner of an ice-cream factory invited me to come to his business and share Christ with his 30 employees. I am joyful to inform you that 23 men have professed Christ as Savior and are studying the Scripture with me three times a week.

To conclude, I ask for your constant prayers that God may raise up workers for the prison ministry and that the local churches may get involved in this ministry. Also, pray for my documentation. Until now, the consulate in Asuncion has not renewed my passport. Finally, please pray for my family in Bolivia. They do not return my letters and I believe I have lost contact with them completely. I thank God for you and keep you in my prayers.



The True Christ Over Brazil

The Famous “Christ over Rio De Janiero”

Charles Silveira is a HeartCry missionary working in the country of Brazil. The following begins with the story of his salvation and calling into the ministry, and concludes with a few brief excerpts from his monthly reports.

I was born in 1967 in a small village in the state of Santa Catarina in Brazil and was baptized a Catholic. My father was a policeman and worked in our city. He drank a lot and he and my mother seemed to be fighting constantly. I went to bed almost every night to the sound of their arguments. Every day the situation became worse and our house became

filled with sadness. Materially, we had what we needed, but in every other part of our home there was only emptiness. Oftentimes, I would look at other families that were much poorer than mine, and would see their harmony and happiness. I wanted so much for my family to be healed. Many times I would take off on my motorcycle and look at the beauty of nature around me and feel the presence of God. I felt that there was a Creator, but I did not know Him because no one had ever taught me in the Bible. Our country is very Catholic, but the Bible is not given much importance.

When I was 14, I fell in love with a very nice girl. Her home was full of peace

and her family was very united. That environment of love captivated me and I would stay as much time as possible with her and her parents. Two years later, she and I made a terrible mistake and she became pregnant. We were so afraid of the great responsibility that was before us that we decided to abort the baby, but God in His infinite mercy did not allow for this to happen. Our daughter is now 15 years old and one of the greatest blessing in our lives.

After our marriage, my wife and I moved into a house that was given to us by our families and I began to study. As a young man, the temptations of the world pulled on me and many times I wanted to be single and free. I did not want to be tied down, but at the same time, I did not want to lose my wife and daughter. It was such a terrible trial that I began to cry out to the God that I somehow knew existed. I asked Him to help me because I could not stand the situation any longer. It was at that time, that God brought pastor Moses Damazio into my life and he shared with me about Christ and the Gospel. I had never heard anyone speak about Jesus with such conviction and passion, and so I accepted his offer to start a Bible study together. It was not long after that I was converted and began to follow Jesus as His disciple.

After my conversion, I attended a Bible Institute in Florianopolis. Upon graduating, I began working as a missionary and church planter in association with pastor Damazio and the HeartCry Missionary Society. As you may know, Brazil is going through a terrible economic crisis. If it were not for your giving through HeartCry I do not know how I would be working full time in the Lord's harvest. Thank you for your kindness to me and to my people. Because of you there is now a growing mission in the city of Santa Catarina.

The following are some excerpts from brother Carlos Silveira's reports:

I have been witnessing to a man named Arlei and now he is coming to our mission. His family are members, but he is very hard to the Gospel. I can see God working in his life.

HeartCry Missionary Carlos Silveira and his family

Mr. Arlei is now a Christian! He is taking part in our Biblical studies and is attending Church with his entire family. He used to be a drug addict, but now he praises God!

A young man was saved a few weeks ago and now his entire family is coming to the services. We now have between 25 and 30 children coming to our Sunday School.

God continues to rescue souls and bless our work. This month, a young man named Alexandre was converted. He is the only Christian in his family, and must face persecution, but he remains faithful to God. Luiza is a middle-aged wife and mother who has professed Christ this month after coming to our church services many times. We ask prayers for her husband who is a devoted catholic and does not care to listen to the Word of God. Please remember Tereza and Maria in your prayers. They both desire to follow Christ, but are afraid to make a decision because of what their Catholic families will say about them.

Souls are being saved. Our church is growing little by little and we praise the Lord for this. Thank you for the support we receive every month. We are working very hard and we covet your prayers for this ministry. We love you in the Lord and will never forget what you have done for us in your desire to see Brazilian souls reached for Christ.

It is with great pleasure that I would like to tell you about Ari de Oliveira, a man that we won for Christ last month. He was an alcoholic and dying of cancer, but still he would reject God's word even during his terrible tribulation. One day I visited his house to share the Gospel of Salvation with him one more time. I thank God that he was converted that day. He now praises God!

My wife and I are continuing to have family Bible studies in the homes of the lost people in our village. With your help we have been reaching souls for the Lord and the Lord has been allowing us to grow little by little.

Please remember in your prayers a man named Carlos. We are trying to reach him with the Gospel. He is a Catholic and is also involved with drugs. His wife came to our church looking for spiritual help because her marriage is destroyed. By God's grace and



after much praying God has reconciled them. Also pray for the parents of one of our teenagers. They have many problems and the little girl is afraid for her parent's souls. Her own mother is a drug dealer. We are visiting her, but she still does not listen.

We began a Bible study with the husband of one of our members and this created a great interest in him for God's Word. A few weeks later he professed Christ as his Savior. This man was involved with drugs and would have nothing to do with his family, but now God has literally transformed his life!

We witnessed a great moving of the power of God. A lady named Janice had a very serious motorcycle accident and spent 15 days in intensive care. According to the doctors she had little to no chance of living, but after much prayer, God raised her up. She is back home and will soon give her testimony in church.

It is with great joy that I inform you that two teenage drug addicts named Angela and Claudio have given their lives to Christ. They visited our church several times with no response, but the Word of God has

penetrated their heart. Please remember them in prayer as they grow spiritually.

We have been evangelizing the Canuto family and they are attending our services regularly. They have not made a profession of faith, but they are very open to the Word. We desire their salvation and pray for them constantly. The work continues growing. Our Lady's Fellowship, Bible studies, youth group, visitation and other activities in the church continue to move forward for the glory of God.

We thank our God for Tereza who gave her life to Christ last month and is now serving God. Please pray for her as she grows spiritually.

Our visitation program is still opening doors for us to evangelize. We met Marly, the mother of one of the teenagers in our church, while visiting door to door. Some of the members of our church have begun a Bible study with her. We ask that you remember her in prayer because she has been greatly involved with spiritism.

We are joyful to inform you that many people have been converted to Christ after learning things through the Word of God that they had never heard before.

HEARTCRY MISSIONARY SOCIETY
New Missionaries



EMANOIL DRAGICI BARDAS

Emanoil works along side of brother Stefan Gae, founder and director of the Romania Sunday School Institute. He is a celebrated artist, who left the fame of the world behind him to serve Christ as a minister of the Gospel. He is supported by the HeartCry Missionary Society.

My name is Emanoil Dragici Bardas and my wife's name is Sanda. We have been married for 14 years and yet do not have children. I come from a very religious Orthodox family that takes pride in the fact that many priest have come from our family. Ever since I was a little boy my family taught me the Bible, but four years ago I realized something in my life was missing. To know the Bible is one thing, but to have a relationship with God is something very different.

As a young man, my family and friends advised me to become an artist. As a teenager in high school, my art was exhibited in public expositions and by the time I had finished art school I had shown my work in 25 expositions in Romania and in other countries of Europe.

In 1991 I was invited to show my

work in Germany and things went very well for me. Nevertheless, I missed my country and it was very difficult for me to live in Germany. I had to learn a new language, adapt to new customs and I was away from my wife. Because of my loneliness, I would listen to sermons on the radio every Sunday. Gradually the Word of God began to enter into my heart. While God was working in my life in Germany, my wife began to seek the Lord in Romania.

After being apart for two and a half years, I came back to Romania and my wife. We shared what the Lord had done in both of our lives and decided to start attending a Baptist Church. Within a short time we were converted and baptized in obedience to the command of Christ. Our life is so much better now than it was before. What God has done for us is always fresh in our memory. We will never be able to thank Him enough for all He has done.

In 1996, I met brother Stefan Gae and he asked me to join the Sunday

School ministry in Romania as an illustrator for the training material they were preparing. I saw this as an open door to use the artistic skills that God had given me and it made me very happy. At this moment I am also studying at the Bible Institute so that I may be a better minister of Christ. I praise God for this opportunity to better prepare myself to serve Him. Thank you for all that you have done and are doing for me and my family. You have made it possible for us to fulfill God's purpose for our lives.





PAVEL HADCZY POP

I was born in a Christian family and my parents were very godly. I decided to follow Christ at the age of thirteen and was baptized two years later. In time, I realized that I had to serve God and become one of His ministers, but I did not know how or when. I tried my best to be faithful in the small things. I ministered in my church and studied my Bible through different correspondence courses. In 1989, I began my seminary studies and graduated 1994 with a degree in theology.

On graduation, my pastor asked me to return to my home town and help him in the ministry, but I felt that the Lord wanted me to preach the Gospel in a place where it was not known. I felt the Lord wanted to send me to a very dark and dry place, where the people did not know about salvation. As I sought God's will, my brother Daniel Cocos came to me like the man from Macedonia and asked me to come to Buzau. I visited the area three times and saw that it was very dark and needy.

Shortly after, I moved my family to the town of Ramecuserat in Buzau. It has a population of 40,000 people and at that time, not one evangelical church. I started a mission there and this is where I work. I also go to the villages around Ramecuserat and visit the Christians who have no church and evangelize the lost. I have tried to establish missions in these

areas, but the priest is against me. Please pray that I will be faithful.

I want to thank HeartCry and all the Christians who are helping me to carry out my ministry full time. Without your help, I would still minister and evangelize the lost, but I would not be as successful as I am now with your support. I cannot tell you how much you mean to me. Again, pray that I will be faithful to the Lord's calling until that day that I stand before Him face to face. Thank you and God bless you. You are in my heart and my prayers.



DANIEL COCOS

Ever since I was a child my parents took me to Church and taught me how to pray and read my Bible. In 1981, I gave my life to Jesus Christ. Prior to that time, I struggled with whether or not the Bible was God's Word and whether or not the Baptist Church was really teaching the truth. I began to study the Bible to find its mistakes and to show the people that the Bible was wrong so that they would no longer read it. But as I studied the Bible I became very impressed with the message. I began to realize that the Bible was something supernatural.

Having come to believe that the Bible was the Word of God, I had to face my second problem - were the Baptists teaching the truth? I went to every Church and watched their worship and preaching. Finally, I decided that the Baptist Church was what I needed. Through studying the Word of God in the Baptist Church I understood that the most important thing was salvation by grace and through faith in Jesus. When I was eighteen I was baptized.

After my conversion, I went to visit my grandparents in Buzau County and discovered that the people did not have a Bible to read. They were told to pay money to the priest and do other good works to go to heaven. Because of this, I was very burdened for the people of Buzau and asked God to allow me to start a church for them. In 1990, I came here as a missionary and found four believers who were gathering together to worship the Lord. Since they were Baptist they were not accepted by the others. Now I have several missionary points in the villages around Buzau. The farthest is 45K away. On Sunday mornings we use an old van to bring the people who live in villages with no church to our church in Buzau.

In Buzau, the Orthodox Church is very strong. They have a seminary and one of their most important cathedrals. They fight against me constantly. Recently, the Orthodox priest warned the people of Buzau that all the members of my church had AIDS and were very dangerous. Because of this the people are very confused about us and the Gospel. Please pray for me and my family. I have two boys - David who is six years old and Gabriel who is two. My wife's name is Angelica. Also pray for the people of Buzau. Many people here say that God does not love them because they have no money or food. I wish sometimes that I could help them all and show them that God is love and that He loves them very much.

Reports from the Field

MATEI MURESAN

Romania

Villages: Aiud, Girbova de Sus, Hopirta

In the last few months we have given out 210 Bibles to those who are seeking the Lord. We have had 16 new converts and eight of them have already been baptized. One of the young men we baptized was born blind. For a very long time he tried to find peace in the Orthodox Church, but finally gave up. He came to our Church and met Jesus. He continues with us and has become very active. He sings, recites poetry and spends much time in prayer.

JULIAN FILIP

Romania / Gypsy

Villages: Timboesti, Petroasa

In the last few months we have given out 80 Bibles and many gospel tracts to those who are still unconverted. We have 15 new converts, all of which have now been baptized. Please pray for us. We had been meeting in a person's house, but the Orthodox priest threatened the owner and he is very afraid. We now have no place to meet and must have our services outside in the fields. I noticed that since we began preaching the Gospel in this village the people are not as bad as they were at the beginning. They try to be more respectful and do not curse us anymore. I can feel how God is walking with me, giving me strength, power, and wisdom when I speak. The people welcome me warmly and respectfully. They are beginning to see a great difference between the Orthodox priest and my ministry. I think this is a great victory for us.

SLAVIC SPATARU

Republic of Moldova

Villages: Nisporeni, Ciuciuleni, Vulcanesti

In the last few months we have given out 19 Bibles to seekers and 21 new converts are being prepared for baptism. I have organized Bible Study groups in

other 2 villages. I would like to go and evangelize many villages around Nisporeni, but the priests are against me. God is the One who opens many doors for us. We are now focusing on evangelizing the professors from Nisporeni high school. Lately God has been teaching me many things. I have come to understand that one is not a great man by having many servants, but by being the servant of many people.

VASILE VINTU

Republic of Moldova

Villages: Corlateni, Singureni

God is teaching me that I must go and witness to the people who are outside of the Church. Jesus did not command the lost to come, but He commanded us to go. Last Sunday we held our church services on the steps of City Hall. Many people came and asked questions. It surprised us that we were welcomed and the people seemed to enjoy our presence.

Recently I visited the village of my birth and met one of the leaders of the mob who runs many of the towns around my village. I talked with him about hell and the wrath of God. I told him to repent and believe in Christ because He is the only one who can set him free from his wicked nature and the devils that controlled his life. He felt very sorry for his sins and confessed Christ as Lord and Savior. When he left he declared, "I now return to my home with God in my life."

JENO HADNAGY

Transylvania

Hungarian Outreach

The Hungarian people are overjoyed that they can attend a worship service in their own language. It seems that we are not far from starting a Hungarian Church in the middle of Romania. We have 14 people who are coming regularly. Please pray for our people. The Catholic

priest has threatened not to allow their children to attend school if they continue in our Bible study. We are not afraid because God has taught us that He will never let us walk through our problems alone. He always drives away our fears and comforts us with the hope that we will spend eternity together.

SAMUEL STOICA

Romania / Gypsy

Colentina

Here in the Colentina district the people are very poor, depressed, and violent. The main profession is stealing. All the people live in desperation and are hardened by their disillusionment with life. Most do not want to hear about God or the Gospel. In spite of this I have seen a few lives changed by the power of God. Those who are converted even praise God for their poverty.

I believe that the key to this ministry is spending time with the people and persevering. In time God will show mercy and will change their lives. I know that this is a very difficult ministry but I am devoted to go and spread the Good News to the gypsies. This month I have been showing the Jesus film, preaching and giving out Bibles and tracts. Many women who deal in witchcraft have been listening to the preaching, but they are afraid to leave their witchcraft because it is how they make their living.

In this ministry I noticed that I have to pray and fast more than anything else because my people are far away from God and from His laws. A few days ago three women came to me confessing that they had just stolen food from another man's garden. After I shared the Gospel with them they told me that they understood and felt as though Jesus had forgiven them and made them free.

VIRGIL MARIN

Romania / Gypsy
Voetin

My vision is to have as many churches as possible. I am now going to an isolated village called Voetin. I am going from door to door and preaching the Gospel. God has bless by giving us 5 villagers who have already accepted Jesus. The work is not easy and I have had many troubles. The police and the priest came to drive me away, but I am confident that God will allow me to continue in the ministry.

I have noticed that the people who are poor seem to have an open heart for the Word. I know that I am called to spread the Word among them, but sometimes I wish that I could also give them a fish and a loaf of bread.

ION MARIN

Romania / Gypsy
Cornetu

Cornetu is a very large district and the majority are gypsies. The education and morals are very low and the people are very poor. There is no school for children and they are always in the streets. In the last few months we have had four converts and the work is growing slowly. We must plant churches in this area no matter how difficult or how much it costs us. The people must hear the Word

When we began the mission in this district, a very evil woman came and tried to drive us away. Not long after, she became very sick. When we returned to the village a few weeks later, another group of people tried to drive us away, but this same woman stood against them and told them to leave us alone because we were good people. Then she came and ask us to forgive her. It is amazing the way God is working. The people are astonished when they see God changing people's lives. There was one alcoholic who was always beating his family. After hearing the Gospel he was converted. Today he is serving God.

As always, the priest in the village is strongly against us. He makes the people afraid to come and listen to the Good News, but there are some honest people with an open heart for Jesus. I am positive that God is going to do a great work here.

VALENTINE VOCILIA

Valentine Vocilia is supported by HeartCry as an itinerant preacher working throughout the country of Romania. He also works translating Charles Stanley's sermons into Romanian and broadcasting them daily through national radio. The following are some of the responses to his radio program:

Your radio program has opened my eyes to true faith in an incredible God. My family brought me up in a religious atmosphere, but they did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. My family was destroyed because of alcohol. I lived a lonely and discouraged life. I have a career in medicine, but I still felt empty and without hope. After hearing your radio transmission I understood that God wishes for man to have a personal relationship with Him. My eyes were filled with tears when I heard the message that I could put my trust in God and find forgiveness for my sins. It has been a year now since I found Jesus and was baptized. Thank you for touching my life through this radio program.

Anneliese Borodi

I am from the province of Bhor. I want to tell you that your radio program is of great help to me. Six months ago I had a very difficult time in my life, but through your radio program God banded up my wounds and brought great healing to me. I bless His name for this! Keep up the good work of spreading His Word.

Bihain Flore

I became a Christian in 1996 and there was a time in which for a month I did not go to church, I did not read my Bible and stopped praying. I rebelled against God and sinned with all my heart because I did not want to submit to God's will for my life. One day the Word of God that was preached on your program frightened me because I was in such sin. I then realized the state I was in and decided I needed to repent. This was not easy and I delayed for a time but God saved me from myself. Now I am happy and my life is good. I thank God and you His servant.

Lidia Hessn

I listen to the broadcast constantly and I have learned many things. The messages are so clear, They have helped me answer many of my husbands questions. He is not a believer and is always trying to confuse me. Thank you for your work and please continue.

Maria

These broadcasts are wonderful spiritual food for me. They have helped me to wake up from the numbness that I was living in. I thank God because I feel free from the sin that bound me. Thank you for these radio transmissions.

Brudasen Icorica

I came to know the Lord when I was sixteen. Even though I was a Christian I lived a very sad and empty life. I had fallen away little by little. My wife left me and my children to go to the USA and this left me very discouraged and hopeless. Your messages on the radio have been of great encouragement to me, but the broadcasts seems too short! The cassettes of the messages have also helped me in my walk with Christ. I owe you much and I thank you for your work.

Constantin Petrarin

A Portrait of Grace

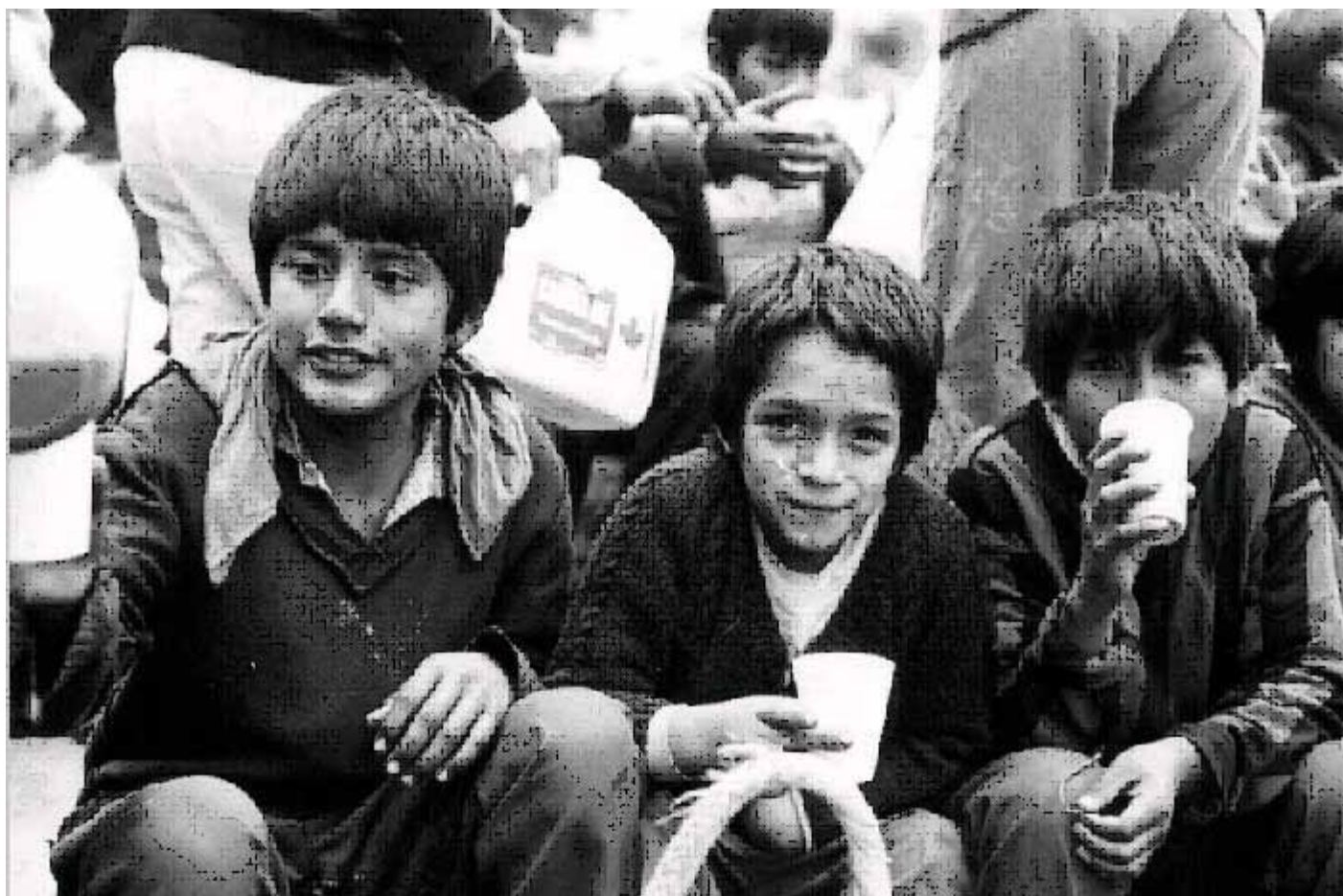
From Death Angel to Guardian Angel

The following testimony comes from an elderly Christian woman who attends the Hungarian mission started by Jenő Madnag, a HeartCry missionary to the Hungarian community in Romania.



Before my conversion, I worked as an abortionist in a government clinic. I have killed babies with my own hands. I have helped the doctors kill babies and this is a shameful thing. I was a terrible person, but by the grace of God I began to realize that the thing I was doing was wrong. When I became a Christian I tried to find a way out of the clinic. I would pray to God with great sorrow, because I would look at my hands and realize that they were dirty with the blood of the children I had killed. I had become God's child, but I had also killed God's children. I knew that it was one of the greatest sins in the world. I asked God to forgive me so many times, but I realized that I had to stop doing this terrible crime before He would forgive me. I finally went to the people who were over me and told them that there was no way that I would ever work again in a place that killed and slaughtered babies. I was so poor that losing my job could mean going hungry, but I did not care anymore. I could not kill again regardless of what happened to me. To my surprise my superiors did not fire me, but transferred me to an orphanage to help little children who had no parents. I was overwhelmed with joy because I saw that God had given me a new life and a new chance. Even though I had killed God's little children, He forgave me and placed more of His little children into my hands.

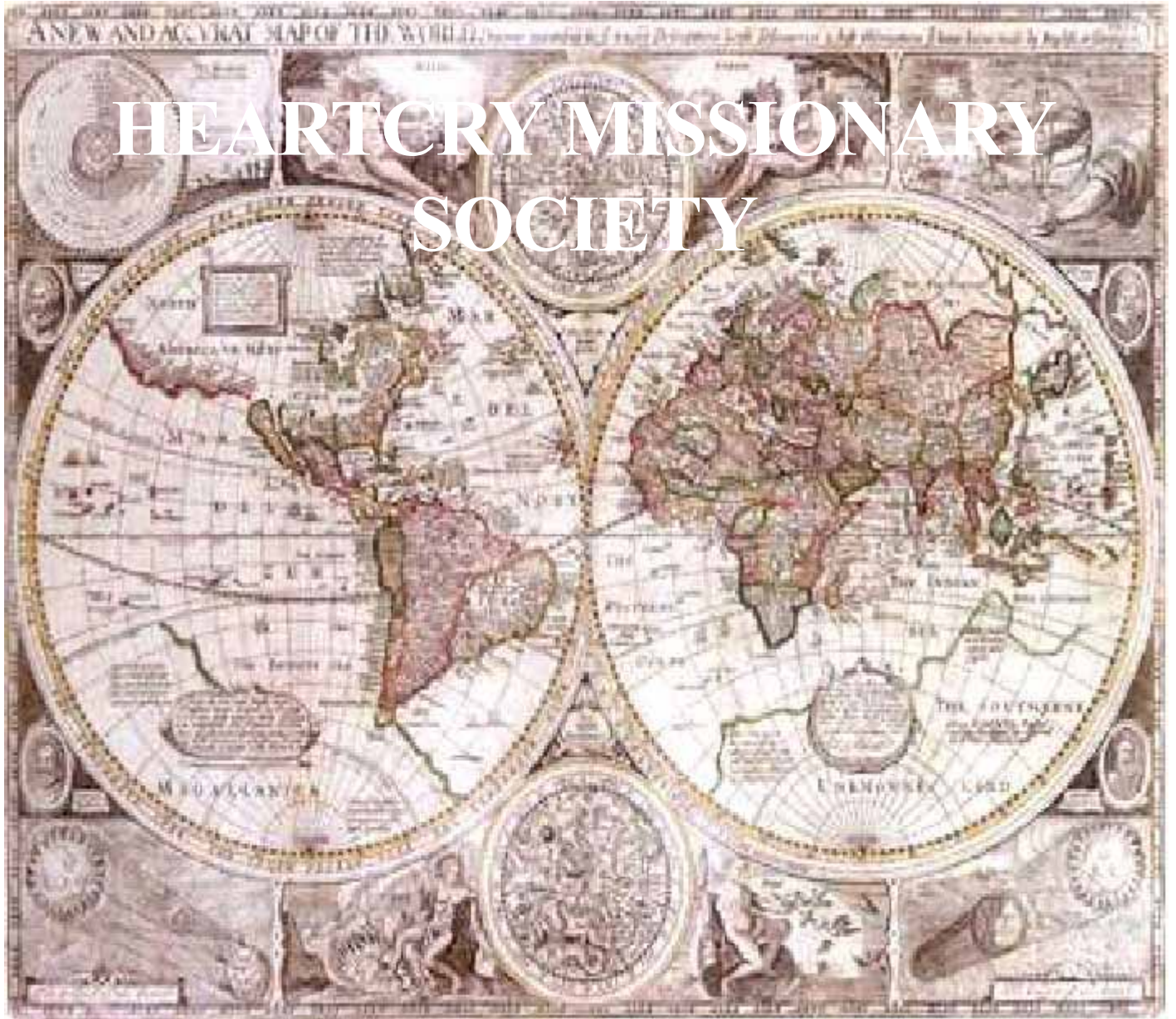
Looking Back



This picture was taken in 1990 in the city of Lima Peru. It was a time of civil unrest and poverty. The Peruvian Government's war against the communist rebel group "Sendero Luminoso" (translated "Shinning Path") had devastated the country. The economy was ravished, abject poverty was common place and 23,000 people died as casualties of war. As it has been throughout history, whenever economic or social tragedy strikes, it is the children who suffered the most. The cruel and dangerous streets of Lima became home to thousands of children.

One night as missionary Paul Washer was preaching in one of the many city parks in Lima, he noticed movement under a large bush. After investigating he discovered that there were three small children and an infant huddled together and sleeping. That night HeartCry began feeding and ministering to the children in the park. Eventually, the group of children grew to fifty and then to nearly one hundred. At nights, brother Paul and the young members of a new church he was planting would load up 55 gallon barrels full of Quaker Oats into an old borrowed ambulance and take the food to the children in the park. After a warm meal they would play games and share the Gospel with the ones who wanted to hear. In time, many of the larger Churches and ministries in Peru began to take notice of the little band of Christians and were moved by God's Spirit to take over the ministry.

It was a formative time for brother Paul and all the Christians involved. They learned that the world can be, and often is, a very dark and frightening place. But they also learned, that there is no place so dark that the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot transform it when Christians reach out in love.



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