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NEWS



A Coin Found in a Fish's Mouth

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It's April 15th and you are reading the Hope Ministries newsletter. April 15th is another date well remembered as the day to file income tax.

Anyone reading this account with their head hanging low because they are short paying their owed tax, listen up! In chapter 17 of the New Testament book of Matthew we are told of Jesus and Peter who were also short of funds to pay their taxes. Jesus told Peter to go fishing; that was his profession before he became a follower of Jesus. He specifically instructed Peter to take the first fish he caught, not the second or third or fourth fish. The instruction goes on and Jesus clearly states that Peter will find a drachma in the fish's mouth which was a coin adequate to pay both of their taxes.

I know a few people who love to fish and look for any excuse to go

fishing. I'm not suggesting that a fish caught might be secretly hiding a monetary reward that could be the answer to a prayer pleading for funds.

We serve a living God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If our supernatural God put a coin in the mouth of a fish 2,000 years ago, He could certainly do it again. There would be a lot more people spending time fishing.

Never doubt the ability of the desire of our God to help us out of a difficult situation. He will use whatever method He chooses to prove His power and His majesty.



HOPE HOUSE ORPHANAGE

We are sorry to hear that Pastor Daka is no longer the boys' dormitory monitor. His health has been poor and he is moving to Lusaka. Pastor Daka has been employed at the orphanage over ten years. We have a temporary replacement who is a young man that has filled the job of making uniforms for the school kids. The young people at the orphanage gave him a going away party.

The latest news of the clinic are excellent. We continue to see growth in the number of people coming from the community and the school as well as the orphanage. We also have received good reports and will now begin to administer medicine for HIV patients. The majority of these patients are treated for free as they have no money to pay for their care.

Below is a photo of Pastor Charles Mumba presenting two graduate students from Hope Fellowship School laptop computers. These two students will be going to the university in Lusaka.. We are very proud of their accomplishments.



The Importance of the Cross

*"I have been crucified with Christ." Gal 2:20
NKJV*

The cross must become a vital part of your everyday life. Why? Because you have three relentless enemies you must overcome each day: sin, Satan, self. How do you overcome them? By living the crucified life. Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." You say, "It's too difficult to live a Christian life!" No, it's not difficult...it's impossible. The only way is to let the power and person of Christ live through you. That's why Paul wrote, "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal 6:14 NKJV). After years in a Russian labor camp, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn became so depressed that he wanted to die. Laying his shovel down, he walked over to a bench and sat down, knowing that any moment a guard could come by and use that shovel to beat him to death. It was then that a fellow inmate took a stick, and in the sand at Solzhenitsyn's feet traced out the sign of the cross. As he stared at it, his entire perspective shifted. Realizing the cross represented the greatest power in the universe, he slowly got up, picked up his shovel, and went back to work under the sign of the cross. And you must do that too. Each day, remind yourself: "Jesus died for me. I died with Him. When I die to me, He lives in me. When He lives in me, I can live for Him." That's the secret of a victorious Christian life.

~ Jentezen Franklin



WE need your continued prayer and financial support to accomplish the task the Lord has given us to reach out to those who are struggling and need a safe place to turn for help. Prayerfully consider becoming a **PARTNER OF HOPE** by making a one-time gift or monthly commitment.

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU GIVE .

Remember — your gifts to HOPE Ministries are always tax deductible!

There's Sunshine in a Smile

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,
Laughter and pleasure, teardrops and pain.
All days can't be bright, but it's certainly true,
There was never a cloud, the sun didn't shine through.
So just keep on smiling, whatever betide you,
Secure in the knowledge, God is always beside you,
And you'll find when you smile, your day will be brighter,
And all of your burdens, will seem so much lighter.
For each time you smile, you will find that it's true,
Somebody, somewhere will smile back at you,
And nothing on earth, makes life more worthwhile,
Than the sunshine and warmth, of a beautiful smile.

~ Helen Steiner Rice

The great danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss, but that it is too low and we achieve it.

~ Michelangelo, from Hope Happens!

Memorize Scripture

For this newsletter I have chosen the following scripture:

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

Lizzy Says:

We went to The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky for spring break!



Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

- One: Don't miss the boat.
- Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Six: Build your future on high ground.
- Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.
- Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting!

~ From Daily-Prayers.org

Give God what's right-not what's left ~ Tony Abram



Stay on the right course. Some day you will be able to look back on your life's work with satisfaction.

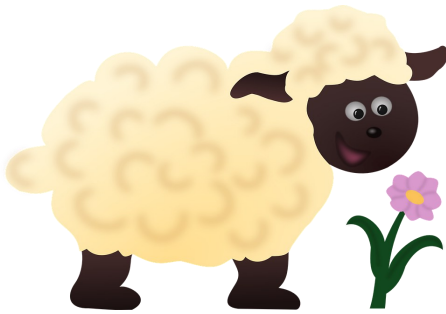
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I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

~ From "God's Best For Your Success"

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