



Reaching and Serving the Persecuted Church

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Immediately following the specific teaching of Jesus on the sanctity of marriage, little children were brought to Him that He might bless them, thus endorsing the sanctity of life. *“Children are an heritage of the LORD, and the fruit of the womb is His reward.”* Psalm 127:3 To murder unborn children is to destroy the heritage and lose our reward. *“Don't despise one of these little ones,”* Jesus said. Think about it, *“...in heaven their angles do always behold the face of my Father.”* These precious little innocents have a direct line from the womb to the Throne and angelic representation before Almighty God. One day, every abortionist murderer will bow the knee and give an account before the One who said, *“...choose life.”* Deuteronomy 30:19

“Throwaway” Children find a home

South Africa

The plight of orphaned children in Africa is no surprise to those whose ears are open to their cry. Christians are not defeatist nor can we take a complacent attitude toward the problem.

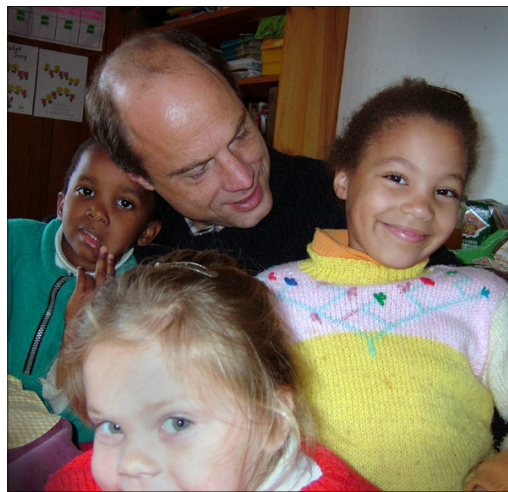
ITMI's partners in Africa report staggering numbers of children living in “abject poverty” on the streets. We hear story after story of children rescued from sexual abuse, fear and violence. “Dumpster wars” for food occur daily among those living on the streets. Unfortunately, our partners are forced to turn down many more children than they can help due to limited resources.

The orphans' only alternative is to turn to the streets where they are threatened by diseases-laden sexual predators, violence and the elements.

The fate of an unwanted or “inconvenient” baby is worse: many are literally “thrown away” with the rest of the household trash if the parents lack other options.

We believe our Lord Jesus is deeply concerned with this growing problem where sin is rampant. Not only does He cry every tear with these young victims, He is tugging on the hearts of people like ITMI's **John** and

Joyce Jere of Samaritan Children's Home in Lusaka, Zambia and **Gerhardt** and **Elmane Le Roux** of **Moreson Children's Haven (MCH)** near Cape Town.



Naomi, Elizabeth and Talita spend some time with their Daddy, Gerhardt.

Before Gerhardt's conversion, God saw the injustice that was inflicted upon the street children of South Africa. He planed a sanctuary of peace, Moreson Children's Haven, where “unwanted” children can be raised in the fear of the Lord, and not fear of the streets. After Gerhardt was saved he determined he would never marry, so that he could focus on serving Jesus. The Lord began to nudge him to marry Elmane, but Gerhardt resisted. He had his ministry planned out and marriage wasn't included. His

prayers seemed to be “hitting a copper roof” and bouncing back, until he submitted to the Lord's leading. Jesus knew ahead of time that together they would begin MCH, and that Elmane would selflessly care for the children. Thanks to the Le Roux's obedience to the Master's plan, they now have a safe place where children can be raised in love.

The Le Rouxs moved from the city to Moreson Farm near Cape Town, South Africa in order to expand their ministry capacity. Now the Le Roux family of 10 shares a small home with another family of 3 plus several single women (victims of abusive relationships) who have taken shelter at Moreson Farm. Imagine the level of discord possible with 18+ people



**Top: Talita, Naomi, Loretta
Bottom: Jurie, Elizabeth, Martie, Duma**

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Overcoming in a world of terror

“This is a great day,” commented Maj. General Caldwell early last month to a news conference in Baghdad, as the photo of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi’s dead body was unveiled. It was a great day indeed. Only 4-hours earlier, American jets had pinpointed Zarqawi’s “safe” house and dispatched him to a sooner-than-expected *rendezvous* with his promised virgins. Imagine his disappointment!

Wars are remembered by the major battles – Trafalgar, Waterloo, Bunker Hill, Iwo Jima and Omaha Beach – to name a few. Every war has a turning point, which usually involves a change of strategy.

With the zapping of Zarqawi, perhaps it’s time for a change of strategy. The Islamofascists use the element of surprise for a host of reasons. Obviously they would never succeed if they advertised in advance where they intended to strike. In Kenya and Tanzania they struck U.S. Embassies in 1998 within minutes of each other. On 9/11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania and again on 7/7/05 in London they struck multiple targets virtually simultaneously.

If surprise is the new reality in war, then we must make certain they understand how it feels to be unexpectedly on the receiving end. This will expose their weakness.

Because they are terrorists and “*shoot from the shadows*” there is a myth that they are invincible. Actually, they are a relatively small group of desperate and deranged men who live on hate and love death. We must find them and win them to Jesus Christ, or kill them. There is really no other way. It’s actually a life or death matter for all concerned.

We have reached this desperate impasse in part because we as Christians have not been obedient to the Great Commission, “*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.*” Instead, we have chosen the easy and comfortable path. Muslims feel confident they will win because Allah is on their side – but Allah is not Jehovah.

We must lead them to Jesus Christ who said, “*All power [authority] in heaven and on earth has been given unto Me.*” On the basis of His power and authority, we are commanded to “Go...and preach the Gospel.” Generally speaking we have not been obedient. Now, in this war on terrorism, we are reaping the consequences of our disobedience. We’re locked in a death-threatening struggle be-

tween two competing concepts of who God is. We’ve never been in a situation like this before. Like Peter, walking on the water, we’ve taken our eyes off of Jesus and we’re sinking. Like the Apostle fisherman of old, we must cry, “Lord, save me!” He will!

America is seen worldwide as apologetically backing away from its Christian roots. We’ve taken the Bible and prayer out of our public schools; the Ten Commandments out of our Courts and revisionist history books have removed all evidence of Christian heritage and influence by our Founding Fathers. Our lawmakers are even confused over a simple definition of “marriage.” The Islamic conclusion: now is the time to strike.

We are faced with an implacable foe, fired by an intolerant fanatical idealism that demands our annihilation. From their

perspective there is no place for reasonable negotiation, it is simply “Death to the infidel” – that’s us!

We desperately need revival. There are pockets of revival breaking out in many parts of the world. In those areas, Islam is in retreat. When it is demonstrated that Allah cannot protect his followers, they turn to the One source that can. We are seeing this in Africa.

Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with a weapon in one hand and a work tool in the other. Either we sit back and wait for them to get their hands on WMDs and use them on us, or we take the battle to them now, starting with specific and strategic targets and make it clear that we intend to escalate on our unannounced time table. Advise the Arab capitals what to expect if they do not voluntarily and with great expedience hand over the radical elements they have so far felt safe in harboring. Make it abundantly clear that they are no longer safe. Zarqawi serves as a useful example.

The liberals and their hate-America friends will whine and wring their hands, but we’re almost five years into a Muslim-initiated war, and there is no option short of victory. Jesus Christ said, “*In the world, you shall have tribulation [trouble]: be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*” That is the message every Muslim needs to hear.

Bill Bathman — Arizona

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Dear Team,

This year we celebrate the **25th Anniversary** of ITMI. There are several new projects to mark the occasion, which we'll enumerate next month, plus we will have a special announcement to make at that time.

Word has reached us concerning a wave of revival in Calvinia, a small town in the Northern Cape – about a 5-hour drive from Cape Town. God is beginning to move in a very special way in Africa. Islam is receding on several fronts. Many are coming to Christ. Please keep us in your prayers. The old enemy is still very much at work.

Frontline Fellowship has more applicants for the Great Commission Course than room to accommodate them this month in Cape Town. That's a nice problem to have, but a problem just the same. Pray for the inevitable squeeze. Pray too for God's blessing on the practical outreach ministry of evangelism that follows each training course.

Part of the outreach will be on July 5 to Franschhoek, the beautiful center of Huguenot culture nestled against the mountains an hours drive east of Cape Town. At the invitation of the Huguenot Society leadership there will be a launch of Dr. Peter Hammond's newest book ***The Greatest Century of Reformation*** in the Huguenot Museum. This is Peter's 25th book (including several Manuals) many of which have been translated into French, German, Spanish and Afrikaans.

Muhindo Kawede, a highly skilled teacher and co-worker with ITMI's **Bill Johnson** in Uganda, will be on itinerary in the USA from August 1 – October 16 this year. If you would like to host him for a meeting in your home or church, please contact our office.

Pastor **John Jere** and his wife **Joyce** have a compassionate ministry to "street children" in Lusaka, Zambia. ITMI has helped them build the **Samaritan Children's Home (SCH)**, which now has 55 children, all of whom are double AIDS orphans – that is both of their parents have died of AIDS. At SCH they have food, shelter, clean clothes, a warm bed and access to medical treatment. Sadly, Pastor John tells us they must turn away 20 to 25 children every day.



Kelly & Cherise Smith

ITMI's **Kelly and Cherise Smith** have now been able to purchase a farm in Natal, South Africa to work among Zulu victims of HIV/AIDS. They see death on a daily basis as this terrible pandemic sweeps across the Dark Continent. Pray for their protection. They have already experienced one daytime robbery.

It was my joy to travel briefly with **Charl van Wyk** on his US itinerary last month. His ministry was well received. We also made some positive headway in raising funds to purchase a family car for his use in South Africa – but we still have a way to go.

Yours in His grip,

Bill Bathman



John Jere with Baby Lydia



Charl van Wyk

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living under the same roof and sharing one bathroom! But according to ITMI Director, **Steve Evers**, who recently visited Moreson Farm, it is not a place of selfish bickering over limited space, but a “spiritual haven” of peace. Steve attributes this to the humility, gentleness, and willingness to serve each other that the residents strive to exhibit in their daily lives.



Steve Evers with Naomi .

The Le Rouxs passionately petition the Lord to multiply their ministry and allow them to be a refuge for more hurting women and children. God gave them a vision for growth,



Talita, age 6.

He was multiplying those to whom they were ministering. Currently they are focusing on shaping the kiddies character through love, discipline, Christian education and God’s Word. As these 8 grow old enough to be role models they plan to adopt slightly younger children, and raise them in the footsteps of their older siblings. This cycle could repeat itself indefinitely.

Gerhardt and Elmane also envision opening up a wing of their home for “emergency care,” to provide a temporary place for children who need immediate shelter. God has also given them a desire to open a wing for disabled children,



Duma safe and happy at MCH.

taking into account their human limitations, by multiplying those helping them minister. At the same time

who are often considered worthless, and “disposed of” in traditional African culture.

Finally, they would like to have space to provide counseling for women who are considering an abortion, giving them moral support and a place to stay, plus the alternative of having their baby adopted by the Le Rouxs or other Christian families.

The first step in seeing the Le Roux’s vision become reality was repairing some of the other facilities on the farm, so that the Le Roux’s house, which is now shared by several of the farm’s ministries, can be better used for ministry to children. With grateful tears, Elmane asked Steve to thank everyone involved for ITMI’s contribution toward completing this important step, and explained to him how much it will help her be a better mother.

We are grateful to the Lord that you share our concern for Africa’s throwaway children, because He is *not willing that any should perish*.

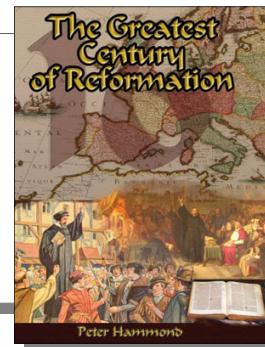
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The Greatest Century of Reformation

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


For Praise . . .

1. Building has begun on the Moreson Children’s Haven facilities in South Africa.
2. Safe return of Tim Keller to South Africa, with his little brother Andrew.
3. Blessings on the Reclaiming South Africa for Christ & BWS Conference in Cape Town.
4. Samaritan Children’s Home in Lusaka, Zambia now caring for 55 little ones.

For Prayer . . .

1. ITMI missionaries Kelly & Cherise Smith working with Zulu HIV/AIDS victims.
2. Effective ministry for ITMI summer teams joining our missionaries in Poland.
3. Intensive Training & Outreach program at Frontline Fellowship HQ in Cape Town.
4. Reversal of government’s decision to shut down Good News Community Radio.

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