

Light and Darkness

Geoffrey T. Bull, a British missionary to Tibet and captive of the Chinese Communists for some three years, made the following statement. "I was appalled with the idea that I would be held forever to confess certain facts which did not exist. I did not know which was worse, the constant threat of execution or to live in solitary confinement with no hope of release." In his book, *When Iron Gates Yield*, published by Moody Press, Chicago 1954-1958, he tells of an experience one December twenty-fourth. After a long, tiring day crossing a famous mountain pass and stumbling down the other side mid heavy wind, his captors brought him to a small group of houses about 4:30 that afternoon. A Tibetan landlord had swept out an upstairs room for the missionary-prisoner, who had rarely seen cleaner accommodations in a Central Asian country. After a meal, when it was already dark, he was ordered to go downstairs to give hay to the horses. He clambered down the notched tree trunk to the lower floor which was given over in the usual custom to stabling. It was pitch-black. The missionary described his feelings, "My boots squished in the manure and straw on the floor and the fetid smell of the animals was nauseating. I felt my way amongst the mules and horses, expecting to be kicked any moment. *What a place*, I thought. Then as I continued to grope my way in the darkness towards the gray it suddenly flashed in my mind. *What's today?* I thought for a moment. In the traveling, the days had become a little muddled in my mind. Then it came to me. *It's Christmas Eve*. I stood suddenly still in that oriental manger. To think that my Savior was born in a place like this. To think that He came all the way from heaven to some wretched, eastern stable, and what is more, to think that He came for me. How men beautify the cross and the crib, as if to hide the fact that at birth we resigned Him to the stench of beasts and at death exposed Him to the shame of rogues. God forgive us. I returned to the warm, clean room, which I enjoyed even as a prisoner, bowed in thankfulness and worship."

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life: and the life was the light of all men. And the light shineth in the darkness: and the darkness comprehended it not." ~ John 1:1-5 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Light and Darkness!

"Don't curse the darkness
– light a candle."
~ Chinese Proverb

"There is not enough darkness in the
whole world to put out the light of a
single candle."
~ The Sunday School

The Lord Jesus didn't say, Let your
light so twinkle" – but let it "shine!"

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“Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

~ John 8:12

Here was a tiny child who would bring light to hearts dark with sin. Who could ever imagine that this sweet little baby was, in fact, the Light of the World? Within that darkened stable, a light began to glow; love began to shine as God sent His one and only Son, Jesus to be born as a baby, but to die as a Savior. Yes, God sent one Word – one clear and glorious Word – and His love shines in the Word, Jesus. And that Word was given to a little eight year old girl this fall. Her response after she had prayed was simply, “I feel so happy now!” Her darkness had turned to light as the Light of the World entered her heart.

~ Carolyn

Pray:

...that this “little one” and the many others like her will grow in the Lord and shine forth the Light as well.

...That Carolyn’s eyesight will be restored after her two eye surgeries the first of which went very well!

...God will enable Carolyn to continue many more years to share His Word with children and to instruct adults in Teaching Children Effectively® Courses and seminars.

**JOHN
HAMEL**

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”

~ Revelation 21:23

Another year is gone, I can’t believe it’s 2012! As the darkness comes early each day, it reminds me that the time is running out to reach the children with the Gospel. So many opportunities are gone by. Our bodies are tired and getting older. The Lord has preserved us and kept us going as He always does. On the bright side, we are one day closer to seeing our Savior and being in His glorious light! This year at clubs and fairs, we have been able to see many come to know Christ that will join us there! I take comfort in knowing that I will see some of these dear children again, in the place where no one gets old and there will be no need for the sun. Let’s keep pressing on!

~ John

Pray

...that the schools will remain open for CEF to teach Good News Club® and that more of the Boston 2010 churches will get involved.

...that the Lord would provide enough monies for John’s support so that he can remain in the work.

...that John’s health will remain stable and incident free in the time ahead.

**TIM and LINDA
BEACHELL**

“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.”

~ Proverbs 4:18-19

This has been a very challenging year – a year of disappointments and decisions. Among the disappointments were: several people who expressed a desire to come into CEF and then they were gone; a few churches that promised to get involved and didn’t; & schools that gave us a “no” answer that we couldn’t get around. Satan wants to hinder the work of bringing the Light to the little ones that live in darkness. We, also, experienced sickness and weakness physically; emotional and financial needs; and of course interpersonal relationships! **But God!** Yes, we can always sense God’s presence and His guidance! As we make decisions that seem to be God’s will, we trust Him for the future. God is so good!

~ Tim and Linda

Pray

...that God will continue to guide and direct us in the ministry of CEF here in Massachusetts.

...that we will be well: physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

...that the decisions we have made will be right ones that bring honor and glory to God!

*“When we walk in the Light,
we won’t stumble in the darkness.”*

**Upcoming Events/Dates to
Remember in Prayer**

CYIA Retreat: January 7th

State Board Mtg.: January 21st

Weekly Good News Club@s held: Wednesdays in Douglas (school) & Hudson; Thursdays in Whitman-Hanson (new school club!); Saturdays in Worcester (projects) Boston 2010 ministries in Newton & Dorchester; others to begin soon.

Good News Club Rally in Douglas Feb 4th

Throughout February and March: Planning! – for continued ministry in MA; for CYIA; summer ministries and Day Camps. Visiting and or preaching in supporting churches! Organizing files in the office! Pray for good progress!

In the future: CYIA – June 20-29; Day Camp – August 6-10/13-17 (?).

Pray

...that the CYIA’ers and adults trained will be challenged to share the Light having clarity and effectiveness in their teaching.

...that God would give wisdom for and be pleased with our endeavors; and He would continue to draw the lost to Himself.

...that God would multiply the opportunities for children to be reached with the Gospel.

...that God will bring more laborers to the harvest fields of Massachusetts

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR PRAYERS!**