

CROSS CURRENTS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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Dear Prayer Supporter,

In this first of a series of “Bible Bulletins,” which Richard has named “Fear,” we trust this will be a tool for you to share with your friends and contacts as “*men’s hearts are failing them for fear*” Luke 21:26.

Thank you for your prayers for the many precious people being reached around the world through CCIM. May the Lord bless your timely gift as you send forth this spiritually fruitful missionary ministry.

Some of our most wonderful prayer partners are those being ministered to! A few such testimonies are being shared for your encouragement as you realize the results from our broadcasts and literature distribution.

We are grateful for the co-operative help of Ralf Stores, TWR/U.S. Director of Media Development & Services. “Ralf’s Report” brings a monthly CCIM update of both our website and our material on TWR ‘360’. Praise the Lord for this Internet outreach!

In His love,



Ralf’s Report:

“I am very excited at the number of folks engaging with CCIM’s rich Bible content and teachings!

“Of course CCIM content is available on the regular 360 site as well as app. As you add up the numbers, it is quite incredible how many people both listen to and download CCIM materials in one month.

“We have also had an incredible growth rate of the number of people downloading the twr360 app from 226 countries and territories. Very significant app view downloads and streaming of content include Iraq up almost 93% and Afghanistan up more than 311%.

“May the Lord continue to use our partnership to reach the nations for His glory!”

Bible
Bulletin:

FEAR!

In the beginning mankind was created to be dependent upon God. Accordingly, a transparent fellowship of light and love existed between created man and his Creator God.

A far reaching tragedy penetrated the human race when Adam and Eve became independent of God and dependent upon themselves. Though God did not move away from Adam, Adam moved away from God: “*The Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?* Adam answered and said, “*I heard Thy voice . . . and I was afraid*” Genesis 3:9-10. Adam lost his vital communion with God and his assigned dominion over the earth. Now the “*god of this world*” made him fearful. Likewise, today, men’s hearts are failing them for fear.

But, for the believer: “*God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind*” 2 Timothy 1:7.

Faith and fear cannot co-exist! Fear springs from insecurity; insecurity produces anger; anger spawns hostility; hostility leads to irrational and fateful decisions. This is the tragic path resulting in both domestic and international tension.

The secret of a panic-proof life! The old hymn says: “Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear.” Yes, a life that is rooted in God and centered in Christ, is panic-proof!

When my self-life is broken at the cross, I can appropriately say: “O how I fear Thee, living God, with deepest, tenderest fears, and worship Thee with trembling hope and penitential tears.”

For the unbeliever, in spite of the counterfeit of personal psychological counsel and international peace accords: “*The way of peace have they not known [because] there is no fear of God before their eyes*” Romans 3:17-18. **For the believer**, as never before, we need to stand by faith in His triumph and in living communion with the Lord Jesus Christ.

CCIM *radio* responses from Africa

“I am a pastor in Kilimanbogo, Kenya, and am a fond listener of your program *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional'* and constantly pray for you . . .”

“We are blessed by *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional'* in the Kikuyu language. My family are praying with you so that you will always have a biblical word for the body of Christ.”

“Hello dear sister, I would like to thank you for your French devotional program, *'Rendezvous with the Lord'*. Since first hearing your radio messages, I was touched by what you said about salvation and the necessity to receive the Savior of the world! Today, I realize that, although I am an older person, I had not really received the Lord Jesus Christ personally. Please pray for me that I will now allow the Lord to always live His Life through me! You have a new loyal listener to your daily devotional!”

“Do you remember me? I am now in grammar school. Since listening to *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional'* in French, I want to give my life to Jesus and be baptized. I have been encouraged by what you said and would like to complete what I first commenced when in Sunday school: As a little girl I used to go to Sunday school with my parents, but since my mum and dad live separately and my mother took me with her, it is now 10 years since I left church. I was very happy to hear your Thursday message as I remembered what I had been taught in Sunday school. I am no more a little girl and can now make a decision for the Lord myself. Please pray for my parents, they are separated but not divorced. I know that daddy has not stopped going to church even if he is no more the same man he used to be.” [ED: Please pray with us].

“I am a Muslim lady and listen to both a Muslim FM radio station as well as your Christian FM radio station. However, I particularly like to listen to *'Rendezvous with the Lord'* and thank you for your messages and I also like the prayers at the end.”

CCIM broadcast *literature* requests

A listener to *'The Way of Truth'*, South Africa writes: “What I want is Jesus Christ in my life. To help me, do you still have copies of Dr. Richard Bennett's book *'Your Quest for God'*? If so please send me one.”

A listener from Port Shepstone, South Africa writes: “I am listening and learning about our relationship with the Lord Jesus and would highly appreciate Dr. Bennett's offer of *'Your Quest for God'*. Thank you.”

A MW listener to *'The Way of Truth'* from a South African Correctional Institution writes: “I have a new brother in the Lord! He is asking a lot of questions. Do you have a book that will help him?” [ED: A copy of *'Your Quest for God'* was given].



A listener from Malawi writes: “Your touching words from *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional'* help me to live and glorify the Lord. Indeed, the love of Christ is eternal and only through Him can we love others.”

“Dear Sister, greetings in the name of Jesus! We really need to hear the voice of the Lord daily and I think *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional'* French program should be offered every day to people like me without missing the weekends! We need to be encouraged and to reflect upon the truth of the Word of God and His promises for our daily living because it is not always easy with distress, anguish, misunderstanding at home and even in the church. Therefore, thank you for your messages and all involved with the CCIM ministries.”

“I have listened to *'Rendezvous with the Lord'* and want to have more information. I appreciate that I may have free French copies of *'Your Quest for God'* and *'Food for Faith'*.”

A listener from Palm Springs, South Africa writes: “I listen every day to *'The Way of Truth'* from a local FM station. Your program is a blessing to me. I would appreciate your book, *'Your Quest for God'*.”