

## PROGRESS REPORT 2005

### Happy New Year to Everyone!

“*Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth, Goodwill to men!*” has been echoing from radios, TV’s, commercial businesses and malls through loud speakers ever since Thanksgiving. Amazingly, some non-Christian people from other countries visit the United States and other western countries at this time because they enjoy the celebrations and festivities so very much! The famous song sums it all up, “*Christmas is the best time of the year.*” As long as we remember and remind others of the profound truth that “*Christ Jesus is the main reason for the season,*” commercialism will be second place to the birthday of our Lord and its festivities.

### Spiritual Temperature of the USA

To God be the glory for the multiplicity of blessings upon our nation. I keep emphasizing that the bumper stickers which declare “*God Bless America*” should have “*With Revival*” added to them. (I sing this *loudly* in airports, hotels and dining areas!) God Almighty has bestowed on America every blessing any nation could ever imagine! The blessing of *revival* is the only missing link. *Revival* will bring us back to the foundation upon which America was built—faith in the Creator God and trust in our fellowman. Righteousness has been replaced by selfish convictions of “I want my rights.” Greed has overshadowed our financial philosophy so powerfully that the bottom line has become “What is in it for me” ideology. Of course, morality has reached an all time low, galvanizing millions of Americans to wake up and shout, loudly and clearly, at the polls this past November 2, 2004, that “Yes, morality matters.”

The deep down conviction of my heart that President George W. Bush was to win decisively was voiced over radio and TV interviews long before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Why?

1. Millions of us Bible believers were praying fervently for America’s survival to be answered by the Heavenly Father. We have more than “ten righteous men” interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah. (Read Genesis 19).
2. America is too young to die and not to fulfill its destiny of being a light to the other nations of the world.
3. Too many silenced babies’ cries were causing convictions across the nation of having done wrong in 1972, when abortion was legalized. Now we are seeking to find ways to right the wrong.
4. The discovery that an ailing economy is related to an ailing national heart began to sound off from multitudes of pulpits, pastors and spiritually sensitive citizens. Read again II Chronicles 7:14.
5. Awareness that most nations which vanished from history were destroyed from within, not necessarily by terrorism or war from outsiders. One major proof is that since 9/11, not much has happened to America as far as terrorism is concerned despite all the warnings of doomsday Sayers!
6. The realization that one cannot exchange godliness for gold, transformation of the heart for the education of the mind, the Master’s (Jesus) power for the military power and hope to continue leading the world in the right direction, is bringing some sensibility to our local and national leaders.
7. Our money is the only kind in the entire world of 212 nations which declares to believers and nonbelievers alike the manifesto, “*In God we trust.*” There are now valiant strides towards restoring the meaning and practice of this affirmation. America’s Christian heritage can neither be overlooked, nor ignored.

### Previous Engagements

The **Miami, FL**, November 12-15, included seminars and preaching. The single-engine tour over Miami by the pastor-pilot, Dr. Patterson was delightful, too. **San Antonio, TX**, 17-22, included the convention of Evangelical Theological Society and the outstanding congregation of Maranatha Bible Church. Pastor Rander Draper and his winsome wife, Darlene, will be joining me in Oxford, England, January 17<sup>th</sup>. The **Hattiesburg, MS**, area included seven messages at West Ellisville, two BSU opportunities, two civic club luncheons and one live TV program.

**Yuma, AZ**, December 4-5 was a new place for me, a flourishing desert flower in the middle of nowhere! The Calvary Church family is so deeply committed to the Lord and His service, they really inspired my heart. A military chaplain, Steve, was the contact man. God used him to carry some copies of The True Furqan to **Afghanistan** last year!

**Houston, TX**, December 11-12 was a fabulous experience. Dr. Bob Eubanks, our fantastic physician and very strong supporter of this ministry for many years, flew me in his beautiful twin-engine plane. The Holy Spirit just filled the place with joy and the people were very receptive. It was truly a memorable Sunday. You may be extremely surprised to learn that in over thirty-eight years of evangelistic ministry, Parkwood Church is the only church which supports our ministry in India with a monthly contribution. Concluding the year, December 19<sup>th</sup> was spent sharing Jesus in **Picayune, Ms**, and December 26<sup>th</sup> in **Monroeville, AL**.

### Prayer Needs

- ❖ Remember the twelve of us on our 39<sup>th</sup> tour of the Holy Land Dec.27-Jan. 5.
- ❖ Pray also for the Oxford, England, seminars and preaching occasions Jan.13-23.
- ❖ Bro. Akhtar and Jean Samuel of London will be visiting with us Jan. 27-Mar.10. We have them sharing in many churches in AL, CA, GA, LA and MS.
- ❖ Begin calling on the Lord concerning the forthcoming four Christian-Muslim debates in Glasgow, Scotland, May 13-16. A prayer team, to be led by David Simpson, is getting ready to join me there for a ten day tour covering Scotland, Ireland and England.
- ❖ A possible mission trip to India after Scotland.
- ❖ Our supply of 5,000 copies of Islam: A Threat or A Challenge is exhausted. We have only 400 left. Praise God with us for its success. We must go ahead with a second printing soon, but are waiting for the Lord's financial provisions to cover the cost.

### Special Project

Please read pages 268-277 in Islam: A Threat or A Challenge. It covers the subject of WMD's (weapons of mass destruction) and the involvement of U.N. personnel in "Oil for Food" programs. The information we have in the book, which was written six months ago, is now "breaking news" in the media world-wide! Consequently, you can understand the urgency of wanting to send copies of the book to our Washington senators and congressmen. Can you help?

We wish to share with you some ways, in addition to church meetings, seminars and soul winning, how we are accomplishing our conviction. You have heard me say many times, *"It is better to be a blessing than just to be blessed."*

- ❖ \$3,900 in support of deserving Christian students (U.S. & international)
- ❖ \$1,000 to Holy Land entities of ministry
- ❖ \$500 South African evangelist and a box full of our videos & books
- ❖ \$1,650 Church and personal work in Jordan
- ❖ \$450 Globe Missionary Evangelism
- ❖ \$500 A needy Moroccan Muslim-background believer's family in FL.
- ❖ \$2,500 support for Gospel singers part-time work with us
- ❖ \$1,250 Evangelist Varghese of India (we have supported since 1971)
- ❖ We also gave our nice used car to a church to help with their building program.

As you can see, the Lord has used you, through your prayerful support, to reach far beyond our own ministry to the ends of the earth. The income from churches, individuals, books and tapes enhances our efforts tremendously. Please accept our heartfelt and sincere THANK YOU'S.

Finally, may the Holy Spirit permeate our lives, help us seek fresh methods and innovative means of sharing Jesus the Messiah and lead us to glorify our Heavenly Father throughout 2005! In His Majesty's service,