

The Voice in the Wilderness

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Contending for American Freedom

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.
- Mark 1:3

Contending for Fundamental Christianity

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP!

PRAYER LETTER

Update

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you;" In 2023, your prayers, friendship and support are precious as we share this year's theme to be a "Resistance Warrior" from lessons found in the Book of James to *resist the devil*. Included in this update are details concerning our upcoming mission to Colombia, the parallel Cherokee/English gospel of John project and other opportunities the Lord has given.

This year, The Voice in the Wilderness marks 70 years of worldwide ministry. It was our founder's, Dr. J. Royce Thomason, desire that "Contending for American Freedom" and "Contending for Fundamental Christianity" be the focus of The Voice in the Wilderness. Pray as we continue to sound that call in 2023. Now, over 50 years later, Bro. Royce's study, *The Book of Revelation*, has had multiple printings, thousands have benefited from its material, and is now being translated into Hindi for the churches in India. Please pray for God's guidance in the translation and distribution.

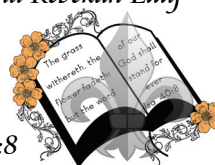
The Constitution Defender will continue to reach families this year with the truths in America's founding documents. Another Junior Tutor Book is nearly ready for printing and will be announced soon. Pray for the distribution of these tools.

Scripture box shipments for Venezuela, Colombia and the Philip-pines continue. Your prayer and support is vital.

Today, "...pray for us..." that we may faithfully, not only "contend" with boldness as Jude exhorts, but be that "Resistance Warrior" as He has called us.

Striving to Serve,
Steve and Rebekah Lilly

Isa. 40:8



Nuggets of Gold

"There lies within a heart of faith every possible form of holiness. As a forest may lie asleep within an acorn, so within the bounds of faith, little though it is, every virtue lies hidden." -C. Spurgeon

Commit to a Biblical solution instead of a New Year's Resolution.

Do not be deceived; happiness and enjoyment do not lie in wicked ways. - Isaac Watts

Resources For You

Request the five book layman's study set of *The Book of Revelation* and view all other resources available at: www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org



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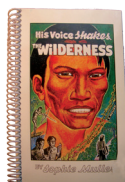
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EXCITING NEWS!! Bro. Ronnie and Bro. Steve are headed to Colombia, South America.

What a thrill to be in service for the King of Kings; yet as this world continues, "service" does not become less challenging, but each day sounds a more urgent need. YOU are a vital aspect of this venture

as we reach new mission points and return to the jungle regions for updates on what God is doing for the people that missionary Sophie Muller once introduced to the Lord. At this mailing, the itinerary has been set, airline tickets, insurance, and hotels have been booked. Materials and scriptures have been shipped. Personal supplies are being purchased and packed, and we will soon depart. This is will be the first overseas trip since prior to the COVID takeover.

Just trying to gain an understanding of all that is required when traveling now has been a confusing task. Please pray for travel safety without complications, health, God-appointed opportunities and a bold witness. More details coming soon.



As caretakers of missionary Sophie Muller's personally written testimony, The Voice in the Wilderness has kept her books, *Beyond Civilization* and *His Voice Shakes the Wilderness* in print for decades. Another print run is needed. **Will you help fund this resource which has truly challenged many lives for greater service for Christ? \$800 would replenish our supply.**

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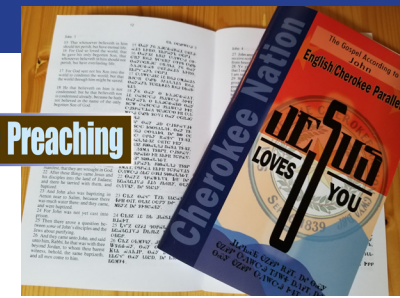
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Cherokee/ English Parallel John Scripture



Perhaps in the days ahead we will have the opportunity to share with you the tremendous challenges of producing the Cherokee Scripture project. Undoubtedly, the devil has manufactured unbelievable problems in effort to destroy this witness. However, at this writing, thousands of copies have been printed and await assembly in the coming days and distribution in 2023. Your continued prayers are indispensable!

Sharing

What a blessing to share and serve this month with friends of the ministry. Thank you, Freedom and Crossroads (home of Plain Path Publishers) church folk for the warm welcome and listening ear. Plain Path Publishers has worked diligently help us with the Cherokee Scripture project.

Venezuela

Praise the Lord! Over twenty Christmas gifts for pastors and their families in Venezuela were received and distributed!

Pictured left Pastor Estelvio and Pastor Carlos who have pastored and trained young pastors for decades in Venezuela. Please pray as they work to reach their country with the gospel.

Philippines Witness

Bro. Ronnie preached virtually for The King James Bible Conference in the Philippines. Pray for faithful men serving and standing on God's Word in difficult places. Two boxes, filled with several hundreds of pounds of supplies and Scriptures are en route to Bro. Jardeleza and the church folks in the Philippines. Please pray for safe passage and the witness to come with these tools.

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Bring in the new! Did you make any New Year's resolutions? How about a dedication to virtues and motivation? Sometimes we need to kick out the old-- old habits and ways that are contrary to God's Word and bring in virtues and motives that are in line with biblical teaching. An example: Lying. The devil is a liar and the father of it. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Tell your neighbor the truth in love. That means it is absolutely critical that we have God's truth. If raising money, building fine buildings, or gaining access to their inner circle is our motivation, then we will hold on to our anger. Anger. If your motive is personal gain and very self-oriented, watch out! Pride, motivation for recognition many times opens the door for modern Bible version acceptance, compromised teaching, lower standards, or worldly music. You might even find yourself offended by those who hold to the King James Bible and the very principles and people who still stand where you once took a stand. You will find yourself angry about the truth and seeking validation for those feelings.

This sinful anger instead of righteous indignation becomes your compass. Yet God's Word warns to "Be angry and sin not." Question: How do we be angry and not sin? Be angry at sin, not angry at the truth. Here is where we have to kick out the old self and the flesh. Put off concerning the former conversation-the old man- which is corrupt according to the deceitful lust and, instead, be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Put on the new man!

In the 1970s and early 80s, Biblical fundamentalism saw a significant defection and some center it in Lynchburg, Virginia, with Jerry Falwell. Whether "the move" began there or not, those who were motivated to move away were called pseudo-fundamentalist, then embryonic new evangelicals, and today, have now arrived as full-fledged new evangelicals. How about you? After scriptural examination, perhaps you will see old things that have crept in with this world that need to be kicked out. We must determine to apply God's Word anew daily in our soul, standing on God's truth.

Tragically churches have capitulated to the RINOs- Righteous In Name Only. Just as there are those in the political realm who, in name run on a conservative platform yet vote against the family, biblical marriage and life, there are those who walk the church halls that have thrown in with the world. Lifestyles, attitudes, and fashion shout the overtake of the world. We are called to resist the devil with the sword, the King James Bible, not to fraudulently call good evil or evil good. Join The Voice in the Wilderness in 2023 as we sound the call for "RESISTANCE WARRIORS" to take action.

2023 Ministry Theme - Resistance Warriors

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