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How We Survived a Direct Hit of Hurricane Milton in Our Manufactured Home

By Duke & Judy Miles

The Bible says, pray without ceasing. That is what my husband and I did when Hurricane Milton was coming our way. Every day, we would go to our War Room and ask the Lord if we should leave our home or stay. For two weeks, we fervently prayed for our safety and our protection from this storm. At the end of these two weeks of praying, we heard absolutely nothing from the Lord. While we were praying, the Florida Governor stated if you stay in your manufactured home and the hurricane hits, "you will die." After hearing this we continued to pray and still heard nothing from the Lord. Our pastor highly recommended, more than once, that we leave and go find shelter somewhere else, yet as we prayed, we still heard nothing from the Lord. Our friends would relentlessly send us updates on the progress of the hurricane, on its path, on its wind speed, and yet as we prayed, we still didn't hear anything from the Lord. Finally, our family highly recommended we

come to their house because only "crazy people" would stay in your manufactured home during a storm like this, yet as we prayed, we heard nothing from the Lord. So, according to the rules of prayer, if you don't hear from the Lord, then continue on your path. So my husband and I decided to stay in our manufactured home, "honker down," and ride out this storm that was coming directly at us. We equipped ourselves with plenty of water. We had a solar generator. We had plenty of food that we could eat without cooking. We had plenty of battery packs for our cell phones. We had battery-powered fans and plenty of battery-powered flashlights. After our pastor, friends and family made one last beckoning call to leave and seek shelter somewhere else, and we kept praying and we still haven't heard anything from the Lord, my husband and I decided to stay. Now, here comes Hurricane Milton. He hit directly a few towns south of us, and at about 11PM, Milton was flying over us with about 100 MPH winds. Since the



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power went off several hours ago and watched a movie using our solar generator, we decided to go to bed. We had our flashlights helping us find our way. We turned on our battery-powered fans, which kept us cold, so we had to put on blankets while we heard the threatening winds of Hurricane Milton. Now I was praying, and my husband, for whatever reason, decided to fall asleep. I knew this because I could hear him snoring. How can you snore when a hurricane is passing overhead? But I prayed myself asleep after a couple of hours. When we woke up the next morning and saw that nothing happened to our home from within, we decided to look outside. As we left out of the side of our home, we noticed the neighbor's entire carport roof was completely blown off. The roof was in the backyard. As we walk-

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Alcohol and Identity Crises The Testimony of Misael Derisma

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My name is Misael Derisma, and I am a graduate intern at Loving Hands Ministry. I've been at the ministry for about three years now. My testimony starts with me not knowing my identity, not trusting my identity, not believing in my identity, not believing who the Lord has called me to be and the ministry he's given me to have. I didn't believe that

because I didn't believe in myself. I didn't have that self-love. I didn't care to have that self-love because my father wasn't in the picture. And so, when I was 13 and overheard him tell my mom that he didn't really care to be in the picture, didn't care to help support, that just broke my heart. It really made me start to question what the point was.

Anything that I was doing and anything I did, no matter what the outcome was, was never good enough. I was moving to the next thing because I was trying, always trying to reach for that next thing. And as I was doing that, it just kept sending me into a deeper and deeper hole. So, after high school, I went into the military, and that's when

I died. I fell into my life-controlling issue, which was alcoholism for as long as I can remember, for over 20 years. That's what I struggled with. It wasn't until coming to the place that I first realized I needed to make that change; I needed the Lord to move in me and have a place like loving hands to be able to do that. I tried it before com-



Bro. Misael Derisma

ing into the ministry, and it never really worked on my own. My goal was to have a couple of months, six months, maybe a year, sober, but I never really had that foundation to stand firm in the Lord, and I'd always turn to that bottle. Like I said, it started in the military. I learned how to be a functional alcoholic. **Continued on Page:7**

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By Rev. Madeline Montez Duffany

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions....Luke 10:19

During the time when Esther, Queen of the Persian Empire, Israel was under a just judgment by God, with Gentiles then given pre-eminence. The power was taken from the faltering hands of the Kings of Judah and was placed into the hands of the Gentiles. The Lord referred to this in Luke 21:24 as the "Times of the Gentiles". This great scepter of power has remained in the hands of the Gentiles and now resides in the United States of America. Our Awesome God has done this! Dan. 2:21. Now, without a doubt, the protection of Israel is foremost by the power delegated to the United States. We have a grave responsibility. As I read and study His Word, God is showing me how He has delegated His authority to every believer. Think about this! We read and try to act on Scriptures which tell us to "speak to the mountain and it will be removed." Mark 11:23. Yet our faltering faith keeps us from believing that we have this authority. We leave it up to faith healers, the economy, the bank, the U.S. President, etc. We readily give our children and ourselves over into the hands of other people. But God has shown me Prov. 18:24. "There is a Friend Who sticks closer than a brother." Trust should never be placed in the hands of another person before placing trust in God Almighty. The Israelites placed their trust in idols instead of worshipping God alone. We see in Lamentations and Ezekiel how they sorrowed over their afflictions and over the loss of Jerusalem. Lamentations 1:4: They remembered the days of old, all the pleasant things, all the blessings. Because of sin (not revering God), all the blessings had been removed. The pleasant things had gone, and misery had taken their place. Everything was just a memory. God is showing me that during this Christmas season, there are many people lamenting over past memories: the absence of a loved one, divorce, moving away from familiar things, children who have rebelled, husbands and wives giving up on their marriages, and even people contemplating suicide. This is like Jonah, who refused to obey God and fled, eventually repenting and coming under the authority of God. We, too, can flee from God and blame Him for our circumstances. I saw an ad on TV where Dr. Phil says, "Why don't people come to me first?" I reject this statement by saying, "Why don't people

come to GOD first before sorrows and afflictions enter in?" God sent Jonah to Nineveh, that great city, to cry against it, "for their wickedness is come up before me." The Lord God has sent apostles, prophets, evangelists, and some pastors and teachers to speak into your lives today. Turn away from false gods and worship the Lord God Almighty! As you hear the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior this Christmas season, ask Him to come into your heart and save you and make things pleasant again. Memories are things of the past. JESUS is your very present help right now! Psalm 46. "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, come into my heart to stay. There is room in my heart for You." Then you can say, "The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places; yes, I have a Godly inheritance, and it is beautiful to me!" Psalm 16:6 What a beautiful Christmas season! What a Glorious Savior! He makes all things NEW! Merry, Blessed Christmas to all! This is God's Truth, the Spirit of Truth

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The holiday season can come with much warfare for many people and in many different ways. If this is you, then this is for you. As we march forward in all we are in Christ Jesus, standing on the Word of God, drenched in the Blood of the Lamb, and the Word of God, with the full armor of God on, we will walk into the land of God's promises flowing with milk and honey. As we look not on the situation and circumstances at hand, the things we hear, see, feel, and touch, but fasten our focus only on the powerful promises of God's Word, God will bring about His promise's destiny for our lives ... The Word tells us to cast down imaginations and everything that exalts itself above and against the knowledge of the most high God and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of God, which is the Word of God. We know that Jesus loves us, and He will never leave us or forsake us, the Word tells us. You must be assured that as you submit all of yourself to God daily, surely greater is He in you than He who lives in the world. So, as we soak in His Presence and hear from Him, the sheep hear the Shepherd's voice when they want to. We will see what He sees, hear what He hears, and speak what He speaks. In the process, we know we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us and gave up His life for us so that we may have the fullness of life through Him. So let me share with you a declaration that the Holy Spirit gave me for all of us. The Word tells us that doing all to stand, stand to see the Salvation of God in your life, the life of your family, your church, and your nation! So, in the process of declaring your decrees according to the Word of God with power and the authority of the Holy Spirit invested in you, determine to focus on that which is lovely, good, kind, and of a good report, know the power of

the Holy Spirit who lives in you and is for you always.

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I declare and decree that the weapons of my warfare are not carnal and fleshly but Mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds in the spirit realm. I know that I am not dealing with flesh and blood but powers and principalities. I do not have the spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind. I pray that Your love will rise up in Your children and overpower the enemies' plans today in Jesus' Name in my life, my family, my church, my city, and my nation. I lift up all our unsaved loved ones and family members that You would orchestrate divine encounters and angelic visitations to bring them into the kingdom of God, and I claim their inheritance in Jesus' name. Father, in the Mighty Name of Jesus, I pray for Intercessors to rise up all over the body of Christ in this day and hour that in unity, we would cry out to You, Oh Lord, and pull down strongholds set against your body, together as one voice in the land. I pray for Your unfailing mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, to prevail a little longer over the coming judgments. I pray for Your wisdom and understanding to rise up and prevail in the body of Christ today. I join myself to the prayers of agreement with my brothers and sisters around the world today that are praying in unity of the Spirit of the Living Christ, and the power of the Word of God, over our nation and the nation of Israel. I stand with You, Jehovah Gibbor, and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, that today, You are roaring like a Mighty Lion against those that stand against the Power of the Word of God. Bring confusion into the enemy's camp, Oh Lord, and rise up a holy standard against Your enemies.

I declare and decree that an Outpouring of the Spirit of Repentance and the Baptism of Fire is being poured out from Your Holy place today to bring forth a genuine revival, a genuine awakening unto the Glory of God. I declare the personal agendas are being cast aside to take up all that is on Your heart, Oh Lord, for this day and hour, Individually and collectively. I submit myself first and foremost to Your Spirit of Repentance and Your Baptism of Fire to do the work in me that needs yet to be done. Enlighten the eyes of my heart, Oh Lord, to know the hope of Your calling. Open my ears to ears to what the Spirit is saying to the church in this day and hour. Soften my heart to break with what breaks Yours. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I would be strong in You and in the Power of Your might, in its full manifestation today, Oh Lord.

I declare unity in spirit in the body of Christ today! I declare that the sleeping giant is awakening, rising up, and taking her place in these latter days. I call forth Esther's to come forth in Jesus Name. I call forth the Spirit of Elijah to rise up and come forth In Jesus Holy Name! I call for the manifestation of the Sons of the Living God to take their place! I ask You, Lord, to send forth Angelic forces from the heavens to war against the evil of this present age and bring down the forces of darkness. I call for Your light to come forth and shine into the dark corners of this world in Your Holy Name.

Father, in the Name of Jesus, send forth Your angels to break in pieces the yoke of every satanic bondage and harassment against the body of Christ today. I stand with my brothers and sisters in the Lord today that every assignment of the enemy against your body today is canceled and broken in Jesus...

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The Testimony of Jason Turner and Deliverance for His Daughter

By Ken Carpenter September 1989
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Our college-aged daughter suddenly began sinking into serious anxiety and depression. Up until this time, she had been a picture-perfect daughter, beautiful, self-confident, and full of life, but then, out of the blue, we were facing an out-of-control situation we had only heard others speak about. It seemed nothing we could say would lift her out of her despair. She struggled to sleep, focus on school, and maintain normal life activities. Her condition became so frightening that one day, we even ended up in the emergency room as we were concerned for her life! Needless to say, this was the scariest thing we had ever faced. We prayed daily for her deliverance, but it seemed nothing was happening. Thankfully, during this journey, we were introduced to a Brother In the Lord who introduced us to many Biblical teachings, including lessons on forgiveness, the power of our words, and the danger

of judging others. We began to understand that our daughter's condition might be related to sin patterns that my wife and I had allowed to remain in our lives. We began asking the Lord to show us hidden sin in our hearts that we needed to repent of and if there were any people we needed to contact to make things right. The Lord did, in fact, give my wife and me several names of people we needed to contact and ask for forgiveness. Each time we made contact with these people, we sensed we were on the right track, and our hunger for the Lord seemed to be increasing each time we humbled ourselves and made those difficult calls. Then, one night, things got really bad with our daughter. It was as if she was being controlled by demonic forces who were trying to destroy her. We knew we weren't battling flesh and blood that night and took our stand over our daughter, quoting Scripture and praying over her to counter the lies the enemy was breating

hing out of her. The next morning, before she woke up, I was making coffee and asking God what I should do that day as a follow-up to the activities of the night before, and He brought a man's face to my mind who had gotten upset with me about five years early. I hadn't thought about this man in years as we now lived in another state. He had become offended at me after I shared a message on the power of praising the Lord. In that message, I basically said that before a depressed person hits the pill bottle, they should get serious about consistently praising the Lord. Looking back, I know that even though I was quoting Scripture, I said it with pride in my heart as I had never experienced the kind of deep depression that this gentleman had faced. He confronted me over that message and warned me that I needed to have more sympathy for folks dealing with depression ... **Continued on Page: 4**

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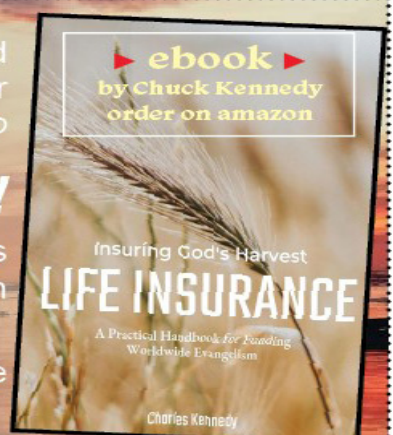
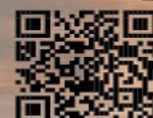
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Indian family turns from the witch doctor to Jesus Christ

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Raj, Soni, and their son. (Photo courtesy of Mission India)

India (MNN) — In India, witch doctors aren't necessarily fringe medicine. Especially in rural communities, witch doctors are seen as the experts on healings and spiritual power. However, their influence often comes through fear and control, leaving people without true hope or healing. Soni and Raj, a young couple, experienced this firsthand when their toddler fell seriously ill. Desperate for help, they turned to a local witch doctor. Mission India's Regan Miller shares their story. **"The recommendations they were given by the witch doctors were just bizarre, and things that as a parent you would never want to do to your child,"** Miller says. **"But she [Soni] didn't know what else to do. She was just at a loss, and so she followed the witch doctor's instructions. Of course, nothing worked. The child stayed sick."** Their desperation grew, but everything changed when a local Christian reached out to them and pointed them to Jesus. This story has a beautiful ending, and you can [watch it in Mission India's new video release!](http://www.missionindia.org/videos) Miller says, "We're just really excited to share [this story] because it shows the power of Jesus and how much it overcomes the traditional customs that so many are following in India." For couples like Soni and Raj, learning about Jesus is life-changing. Miller emphasizes, "When you partner with Mission India, you are bringing the Good News of salvation to people that otherwise might not have the opportunity to hear it. They're just living in spiritual darkness otherwise, like this family was.... Often, they're worshipping these gods out of fear. "When they come to know that Jesus is the God who loves them and who actually sacrificed himself for them, rather than asking for sacrifices in return, they're mind blown, and it completely changes their lives from the inside out." **Mission India's Biggest Ever Matching Challenge is running until the end of the December. Every dollar donated to their 10-Day Children's Bible Clubs will be doubled, up to \$1 million. [Click here to learn more and give!](#)**

Spiritual Warfare and the Holidays

From Page 3 ...Name re and decree for wisdom, righteousness, and sound judgment to prevail over all our endeavors in this season. I declare and decree that dreams and visions, as well, will be poured out from the heavens in this season upon you, men, women, and children, for guidance and direction according to and lining up with the Word of God. I thank You, Lord, for the Spirit of Unity in one mind and one accord with the mind of Christ is being poured out today upon Your Body... I declare and decree that Jesus Christ (Yeshua) is Lord over my life, my family, my church, my city, my nation, and the nation of Israel. I Thank You for Victory in every area of our lives in Jesus Name! Father, in the Name of Jesus, we bless You. We bless the Body of Christ, our cities, our nation, and the nation of Israel

WHO ARE YOU IN CHRIST JESUS ...BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LIVES WITHIN YOU!

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A Call to Evangelicals Christians and the Nation: The Fight is Not Over

By Fair Park Bible Fellowship

DALLAS, Dec. 2, 2024 / Christian Newswire/ -- babies! Hear this again: establishes his kingdom here on earth. While here, we're in a spiritual conflict, one that intensifies with each passing day. Ephesians 6:10-11 tells us, "Be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you may stand firm against the schemes of the devil." We're in a spiritual conflict; there is no time to lose. The forces of darkness are working tirelessly to strip away our liberties to erase the Judeo-Christian foundation of our nation. But not on our watch. Not without a fight. Stand up for Christ. Engage in the struggle. Remember: true victory is found in Christ alone, not in any political party or charismatic leader. Our triumph rests in Jesus and in His Kingdom to come. I pray that you are bold and unwavering in this fight. God bless you. Now, let's go to war for what is right. **+JESUS IS LORD+**

The following is submitted by Pastor Stephen E. Broden: We have won a victory, for the courage of Florida and South Dakota, who We dodged a bullet, but stood firm. But that now the battle rages on. The Democratic Party is a fortress of evil, and though the land. The battle is still on. We've halted their progress for now, we cannot let our guard down. The culture head-on and make fight for the sanctity of life continues. We must hold this new administration accountable. Their office for one reason: stance on life is weak; it does not honor the biblical truth that all life is precious. They must know that we will not rest until they recognize the value and dignity of human life. This battle isn't over, and there's no time for victory laps. As long as states are trying to write child killing into their constitutions, we have a fight on our hands. This election season, ten states put this child killing on the ballot. In seven, they voted in favor of amending their constitutions to murder until Jesus comes and

The Testimony of Jason Turner and Deliverance for His Daughter

From Page 3 ... because one day, my kids might face the same thing! Well, it seemed that his comment, in fact, came true. Maybe that comment he made was actually a word curse that found a place to land because of my pride-filled comments. On the phone that day, I asked this man to forgive me for the hurt I caused him and told him we were actually dealing with this condition with my daughter. The man received my apology well and even admitted that he probably didn't handle it well on his end. He wrapped up the call by saying, "May your family have good fortunes." As soon as I hung up, I immediately felt relief, and about an hour later, when my daughter woke up, she walked up to me in her right mind, telling me she was sorry for the night before. She got dressed and went to work totally normal. It re-

minded me of when after Jesus cast out the demons from the demoniac and how the townspeople saw the man clothed and in his right mind. They were amazed because of how tormented he had been before he met King Jesus. My daughter continues to improve, and my wife and I have learned the power of frequent repentance and being very cautious with our words. Life and death are truly in the power of the tongue, and praise Jesus; we can speak life into situations when we line up our words with God's Word! -Jason Turner


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MAPLE RIDGE, British Columbia, Canada, Dec. 5, 2024 /Christian Newswire/ -- Three decades ago, a Canadian researcher, Tom Rogers, at that time new to the Christian faith, was driven to investigate two significant questions. These were: 'How does this Creator actually create living things like us?' and 'Does this involve a lot of work?' With input from 45 scholars, that curiosity inspired the development of a new God-based life science about how we are made and cared for. It is formally called 'Atomic Biology' and nicknamed 'God's Biology,' a science worthy of replacing Darwinisms in education. The research verifies the need for superintelligence, far above mankind's level, plus enormous physical works and care, to create, sustain, maintain, and repair each living part of us. There is only one such superintelligent and caring entity known to mankind: The triune God who is highly recognized by the Governments of the USA, UK, Canada, and Australia as well as most of their citizens. As the history of 'God's Biology' developed, sizeable objections arose including, 'What about Darwin's taught Theory of Evolution?' and 'What about the separation of church and state?' As truthful research has to provide correct answers to objections, Rogers and group discovered and developed the answers.

According to Darwin's exclusively taught and enforced definition of evolution, all life came from a universal common ancestor. Over millions of years of producing offspring, these 'became' all the various living plants and creatures by natural selection. No god or guidance was needed or allowed in life education since the 1960s. However, lacking from this theoretical process are the enormous superintelligent works and care, that are essential to build our phenomenally complex cell parts and cells. This starts with making our grown foods out of atoms in the dust, then using the atoms from our foods to make our cell parts, cells, and us. Scientists have been trying for over seventy years to make a living cell out of elements and cannot come anywhere close. We simply do not have enough intelligence. No one but our Creator can make carrots out of dust and water. Evolution, by definition, has no intelligence to use and is thereby factually falsified as both the origin and cause of life. Regarding the 'separation of church and state' we have to understand that God is not the church. The church can be a building or a group of people who are Satanists, New Agers, Prot-



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ORLANDO, FL – This Christmas season, while the outgoing Biden-Harris administration is doing all it can to infringe on religious liberties and endanger peace by jailing pro-life Americans, appointing liberal judges, censoring Americans, and even exhibiting reckless brinkmanship in the war in Ukraine, it is important to examine how communism can quickly eradicate the Christian faith in a nation. Before Ronald Reagan became president in 1981, he gave more than 1,000 daily radio broadcasts from 1975 to 1979, including one in which he shared a story about the history of Christmas before and after communism in Ukraine, where a dangerous and costly war now wages. In an effort to resist the country's Christians, communist leaders secularized a favorite Ukrainian Christmas carol, "Nova Radist Stala" (Joyous News Has Come to Us). The original song began with these words: "The joyous news has come which never was before. Over a cave above a manger, a bright star has lit the world, where Jesus was born from a virgin maiden..." Communists feared the public outcry that would follow a complete ban on Christmas, so they began to slowly secularize the holiday. The first rewrite of the song began: "The joyous news has come which never was before, a red star with five tails has brightly lit the world." The second rewrite went further: "The joyous news has come which never was before. Long-awaited star of freedom lit the skies in October [the month of the Revolution]. Where formerly lived the kings and had the roots their nobles, there today with simple folks, Lenin's glory hovers." The former Soviet Union eventually began banning Christmas commemorations. St. Nicholas was replaced with "Did Moroz," or Grandfather Frost. This Stalinist creation wears a red cap and long white beard of Santa Claus, but he delivers gifts to children on New Year's Eve. Christmas trees were also banned, but people continued to trim their New Year's trees. Communism folded all Christmas celebrations into a



New Year's celebration. Christians in the former Soviet Union exhibited bravery and courage in confronting communism's anti-Christmas campaign. One person recalled how the young people would go out in the streets and sing Christmas carols, knowing that if police heard them, they would be arrested. In communist Romania, Rev. Geza Palffy, a Roman Catholic priest, delivered sermon in 1983 protesting that December 25 had been declared a workday instead of a holiday. The next day, he was arrested by secret police, beaten and imprisoned, and then he died. Inside and outside the Iron Curtain, Ukrainians never stopped singing: "We beg you, our Lord, we pray to you today. Grant us freedom, return glory to our Mother Ukraine." Reagan ended his broadcast: "I guess we all hope their prayer is answered." Indeed it was. The secularization of Christmas is nothing new. Today, in some communist or Marxist-influenced countries, Christmas celebrations are restricted or outright banned primarily due to its incompatibility with state ideology. • In North Korea, Christmas has been banned entirely for decades. The state suppresses Christmas expressions with severe penalties, including imprisonment, torture, and even execution. Many North Koreans have no idea about Jesus Christ. Underground Christians have to celebrate in secret. Instead of Christmas, the North Korean regimes have celebrated the birthday of Kim Jong Il's mother. This deliberate elimination of Christmas supplants religious devotion with loyalty to the ruling family. • In China, religion is heavily regulated, and Christmas is largely sup-

pressed. According to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, the Chinese Communist Party requires the complete subordination of religious groups to the state's Marxist vision. Since Christian churches are routinely demolished, Christians often surveilled, and church leaders arrested, true Christmas celebrations would have to be kept secret. In public, Christmas is nothing more than a commercialized shopping event. The secularization of Christmas in China serves to instill ideological conformity and loyalty to the state's ruling party. • In Cuba, Christmas was banned from 1969-1997. Cuba's government rather wanted Cubans to celebrate secular "Revolutionary Holidays." Fidel Castro reinstated Christmas after Pope John Paul II visited Cuba and requested he do so. Today, even though Christmas is officially recognized, public religious expressions remain subdued in many areas due to its communist government. In America, legal challenges to Christmas and holiday displays have been ongoing for decades. The challenges to Nativity displays, Christmas songs and greetings, and decorations are prevalent in public schools, assisted living centers, and in many workplaces. In some instances, students, nursing home residents, and workplace employees have been told that Christmas cards, Merry Christmas greetings, singing religious Christmas carols, and even the colors... red and green were not permissible. Liberty Counsel has addressed and overturned hundreds of attempts like these to censor Christmas in the

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private and public sector. Around 2003, the censorship of Christmas entered the retail market. Christmas trees were renamed "Holiday Trees," Christmas decorations were referred to as "Holiday Decorations" or "Holiday Lights." In response to this trend, Liberty Counsel launched the annual Friend or Foe Christmas Campaign, which is designed to educate and, if necessary, litigate to ensure that the religious and Christian viewpoints of Christmas are not censored. Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, "The war against Christmas is nothing new, and it is certainly evident today in the form of religious discrimination and hostility. Repressive forces have always had the same goal – to first secularize and then to eliminate Christmas and Christian symbols, celebrations and speech. In America, the First Amendment is a guard against censorship and religious hostility... Continued on Page:7

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The Light Of Humility

By Don Sturiano

As followers of Jesus, we have three main goals in the life we live, while here on the earth.

- 1 To be intimate with Him.
- 2 To cultivate our Christlike identity, so to be more like Him.
- 3 To be an influence that brings others to Him, discipling them to live out #1 & #2

This can only be accomplished in greater measure, if we heed to making, and keeping Him our first love.

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Revelation 2:4-5 TPT

But I have this against you: you have abandoned the passionate love you had for me at the beginning. Think about how far you have fallen! Repent and do the works of love you did at first. I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place of influence if you do not repent.

A Christlike attribute that is required to cultivate, so to accomplish this, is humility.

John 13:15 NKJV

For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have

done to you. This passage follows the washing of the disciple's feet by Jesus. This is the only time in scripture where He says, I have given you an example. It is stunning to think that He didn't say, *“I have given you an example”*,

following a sermon He preached, or a miracle He performed. While those are important examples for us to follow. His emphasis was humility.

Could it be that the pursuit of humility, so to be more like Him, will build greater trust in the eyes of The Holy Father, enabling us to release the power of Christ Who is already fully in us, with greater miracles signs and wonders?

Here are three ways we can cultivate humility.

- 1 Pray for humility. This will result in opportunities to be humble.
- 2 Do acts of humility in secret. Example, the next time you use a public restroom, perhaps in a gas station, clean it. This is a practice I have

done for many years.

3 Respond with humility in victory. The church has an opportunity to do this following the election, especially on social media. If the candidate that you voted for was victorious, don't be cruel to the other side. How the church responds on the various platforms, can help draw people to Christ, or drive them away. Be *“Light,”* that is fueled with love and humility. Be a light that shines, drawing people to Christ, not a light that blinds, illuminated with the religious and political spirit that pushes them further away.

James 4:6 NKJV

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: *“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”*

Don Sturiano



Alcohol and Identity Crises The Testimony of Misael Derisma

From Page 1 ...So, then it just continued on with family and with the shame and guilt that came with it. It ruined relationships, including my marriage, which ended up not being the only issue, but it was a big contributing issue leading us to divorce. It brought shame and guilt when, after my third DUI, I had to let my 16-year-old know that the plan that we had for him coming to live with me had changed. They lived in North Carolina, and he was to come down here and live with me, finish high school, and go to college. That plan had to be put to the side, put on hold, because I needed to change what's happening in my life. I needed to be the one who breaks the chains of a generational curse. I didn't know my father, and I didn't know his history. All I could think of was that if I allowed that to continue, he would have to struggle with it. He would have to be the one trying to break it.

So, after I got that third DUI, I had an opportunity. Someone told me about Loving Hands Ministry. I was so broken after my son. It happened around my son's birthday, and he started blaming himself because he was supposed to be down here then, and he wasn't. So he started crying and blaming himself, which broke my heart. It got me to the point of realizing there was no way I could allow this to continue. So, when I came into the ministry, I was broken. I was where God needed me to be. He used that to make it my goal to press forward

and be changed so that I could be the father I needed to be with him. As I'm growing in the ministry, I'm seeing the Lord moving so that I felt the need to really take care of my children. That's my passion, to be there for them. So, at 22 months, the first time I was here, I left. I left Loving Hands and started working. God was there. He met me. He opened doors for me. I was almost eight months into it, and a couple of times, I just started to allow that alcohol door to creep open again. And I started drinking, and immediately, it felt like I was just plunging down until I knew what that meant. I contacted the ministry and let them know that I wanted to come back and do this, and they accepted me back with open arms. I was able to come back and do a refresh. It was six months of just getting myself back to where I needed to be. And then, I did what I was called to do in the first place. When that happened, God started moving. That's when my 16-year-old gave her life to the Lord. She wants to walk with the Lord. She's in the Word, reading the Word, and alive. She said it happened when she came down in July. She got baptized in the Manatee River, where we usually do it. And it's because of her motivation. She said she saw me doing it. She saw me coming back and surrendering, and

that just showed her how important it is to serve the Lord. And so she wanted to be baptized in the same area that we were, and I got to baptize her!

With that identity issue I had in the beginning, I didn't know who I was. As I said, my name is Misael, but for a long time, I went by Joe, and my middle name is Joe Juan. I went by Joe because it's so easy for people to say Joe, and I didn't want to confuse them, but then my 11-year-old at the time asked why would you go by Joe? Your first name is Misael, which, translated in Hebrew, means “as God is.”

God reminded me that before I was conceived, He had that name picked because this is who He called me to be. But I was stuck thinking in the world mindset that I'm Joe. I'm not Misael. I didn't want Misael because it came from my dad, my earthly dad.

Because of that, I avoided the name God gave me in the beginning. It's amazing what God does when we surrender because now it's all about Him—His will, His way, and His word. I'm allowing Him to use me how He wants, knowing that He has everything planned out. My scripture verse is from **Proverbs 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

How We Survived a Direct Hit of Hurricane Milton in Our Manufactured Home

From Page1 ...ed around our house, still not seeing anything wrong with it, we came and saw our other neighbor's house. He had not only the carport roof blown off, but half of his house roof was blown off. As we looked around

our neighborhood, we saw most of the homes with significant destruction, but as we looked at our home, we saw no destruction. We were actually weeping because God had not only saved us from

this category 3 storm, He saved our home. We were in awe of His goodness and His love for us because we had faith in our God that He would protect us, according to Psalm 91. Praise Him!!

+JESUS IS LORD!+

Communism & Christmas

From Page 6

...ty. In the retail market, the consumer can decide to patronize stores that recognize Christmas and avoid those that profit from Christmas while pretending it does not exist.”

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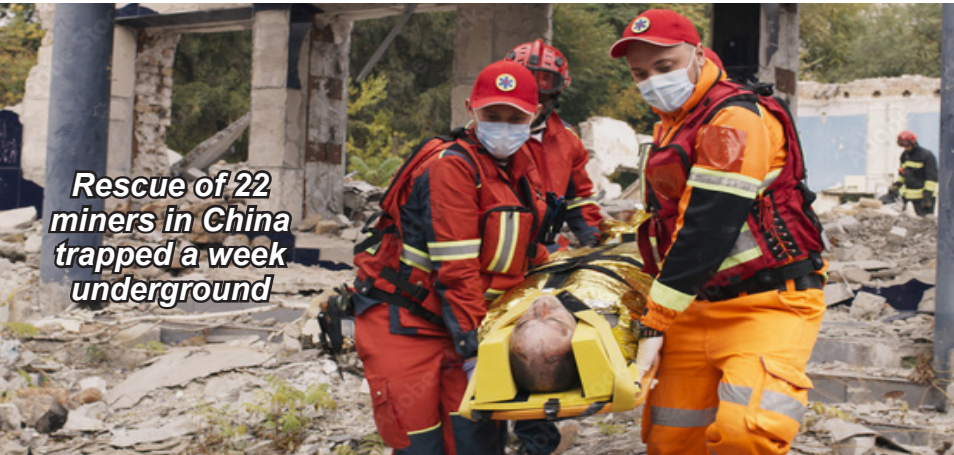


Coal Miners Trapped! Dream Given to Me by God

By Robin Art

miners had been trapped for one week in a flooded coal mine. There had been a desperate rescue effort for the last week to free them as time was running out. The report announced the minors had just been rescued during the night. The broadcast was dated last night, August 30, 2011 @ 14:44 a.m. "That was while I was dreaming," I said to myself. "Praise God that He spoke this dream to me while I was yet asleep so I could help pray for the safe return of these miners! I had never had a dream from the Lord before, but as it turned out, in the future, He would give me many. So, what should we think about this? Should we pay attention to our dreams? Does God ever give us dreams? If so, for what purpose? The bible has many accounts of God giving people dreams. Both the Old & the New Testaments tell us He gives us dreams. If God gives you a dream, you will have a strong knowing in your spirit that this was a dream from the Lord. When God gives us dreams, they are always for a reason. There are information dreams to help us make decisions. There are dreams God gives us for direction. Our God is a loving God& may even give you a dream of warning to save you from imminent danger ahead or to put you back on the right path and more. Praise God for His faithfulness to give me this dream so I could help pray and for saving the lives of these miners! Below is the news report of the 22 miners as they were rescued: **Rescue of 22 miners in China trapped a week underground** Rescue of 22 miners in China trapped a week underground. Officials in China say 22 coal miners have been rescued after being trapped underground for a week in the northeastern part of the country. The miners became trapped in the small, illegal mine in Heilongjiang province after accidentally drilling through into a neighboring pit. One miner died in the accident, and three others are still missing. Xinhua reports that the mine, near the city of Qitaihe, had been ordered to close in 2007 but reopened illegally. News Published 30 August 2011

The following is the prophetic dream given to me by God during the wee hours of the morning on August 30, 2011 @ approx. 2:00 a.m.: During the wee hours of August 30th, 2011, I had a vivid dream. I dreamed about a group of coal miners who were trapped in a mine somewhere in China. In my dream, I felt an urgency to pray & intercede for their safe rescue. I was fully asleep but at the same time fully aware this was a dream from the Lord. I understood the urgency of the situation. In my sleep, I began to pray urgently for the lives of these men. Immediately after the dream, I awoke for a brief moment. The clock read 2:00 a.m. Upon awakening the next morning, I told my neighbor about my dream. I asked if China even had mines. She said that they do, so I checked the internet and searched for any news about a mine cave-in in China. To my surprise, there was a news report from Xinhua China. The state broadcaster, CCTV, reported that 22 coal



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