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PRAISE GOD FOR THE HIGHS ... AND THE LOWS

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Here is a great verse: "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations" (1 Peter 1:6 KJV).

Look at the contrast: you "greatly rejoice" and you "are in heaviness". Peter takes it for granted that his readers experience both joy and depression (heaviness). That's very encouraging, for we all do. I loved reading Billy Graham's confession that he had known times of great discouragement and sought the Lord in tears. Have not we all? Though we may not be as honest about it as the Reverend Graham.

Don't ever get discouraged about being discouraged. Don't get depressed about getting depressed. We are ...

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... still in the flesh. "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." We would like to picture ourselves as always full of faith, always confident, always rejoicing. But it is not so. "It needs be", says Peter, that sometimes we feel down and very low in spirit.

The earth needs rain as well as sunshine, winter as well as spring and summer. We need the whole gamut of human feelings if we are to become mature believers. The 'downs' remind us of how weak we are in ourselves and how dependent upon God. How dangerous it would be if our feelings were always on a high – we might be deceived about ourselves and forget to supplicate God's mercy and help.

Don't miss the words, 'for a season'. Moods are not permanent. Today it may appear that the sun has gone down forever, but it will be visible tomorrow morning. We may think we have had all we can take but it is not so. When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on – with a prayer. Even Jesus "groaned in the spirit" (John 11:33). When ready to give up – don't. Remember, "there will be love and laughter, and joy ever after" in God's tomorrow. You see heavy clouds looming, but never forget, Jesus will be there and he loves you.



BETH AND GORAN REDISCOVER THE GOSPEL THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT



Beth surrenders her life to Jesus.



Now I
can see the
gates of heaven.

Beth Ferrer and Goran Cvetkovic met through an online dating site. They spoke together on Skype, and also shared something else – gospel videos on the GNU website.

Across the miles, Beth (Quezon City, Philippines), and Goran (Gold Coast, Australia) watched the messages of the Good News of Jesus Christ together. Their friendship deepened, and their love for the gospel was renewed.

When Beth recently visited Australia, she and Goran decided to be rebaptised and they asked Eliezer Gonzalez to perform the ceremony, which was held on 27 December 2014. Beth had been baptised into a Christian church in the Philippines as a young woman, but decades of abuse in various forms had literally beaten the joy of salvation out of her. Goran had also been baptised previously, but in his heart he knew that he had drifted away from God.

"I needed to reconnect with God and start my life again," says Beth.

Goran chimed in, "and so did I! Previously I felt a real separation from God, but now I can see the gates of heaven. Good News Unlimited really helped – all your messages are about the gospel. Nowhere have I found such wisdom about the gospel as through Good News Unlimited."

Thank you for being a blessing to Beth and Goran. It's only through the support of friends like you that they and many more like them can access these life-changing messages of the gospel online!

171 BAPTISED IN KENYA!

In December last year, after extensive preparatory work handing out the book, *Jesus Only*, our partners at the Goshen Family Association conducted three weeks of evangelistic meetings in Kisii, Kenya.

The preacher was a young man currently attending a seminary, training to become a pastor. And as a result of the gospel being proclaimed, 171 people accepted Christ and were baptised.

The photo shows the baptism of a young man who was previously a self-confessed devil-worshipper, but who now worships Jesus Christ alone – because he has understood the gospel.

The precious people who have been newly baptised are being nurtured by the Goshen Family Association and, after six months, they will be joining local churches of their choice.

The leader of the Goshen Family Association, Pastor Boaz Nyariki, is not mean and stingy with the gospel. He received permission to distribute the book *Jesus Only* in the prisons of Kenya. Through his hand alone, 1,500 prisoners in Kenya have received the book. We can't bring you photos. They were not allowed. Repeat access to the prisoners was also difficult. So, perhaps only in eternity will you hear how your gifts and prayers have helped transform lives and save souls through this powerful ministry.



Only in eternity will you hear how your gifts and prayers have helped transform lives - like those in Kenya who recently committed their lives to Christ.

Q&A with a GNU Partner

We recently spoke to Mark Brinsmead, a GNU Partner, about his enthusiasm for the gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of GNU:



Q Mark, why did you decide to partner with GNU on a regular basis?

A People are like the two thieves at Calvary. Some mock Jesus, but others reach out to Christ and receive the Good News of the gospel. There was no time for the penitent thief to understand complex theological issues. He needed the simple message that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. GNU preaches that simple hope to those who need it, right now.

Q How have you been blessed by the ministry of GNU?

A GNU's ministry challenges my thinking and adds enormously to my own personal spiritual experience. I appreciate its interdenominational approach and I particularly value its emphasis on the gospel.

Q What advice would you give to anyone thinking about becoming a GNU Partner?

A I have seen many people make poor personal financial investments. Partnering with GNU gives people an investment of unutterable value in the final days of this earth's history. I have come to realise that souls are more important than shares and securities, and that the dividends of the gospel are eternal.

If you would like to know more about becoming a GNU Partner, or about supporting GNU in any other way, please call us on +61 2 4721 9051 (international) and 1300 013 237 (within Australia). Thank you for helping accelerate the spread of the Good News!

From Eliezer TO YOU



Dear Friend,

I'm going to tell you something about myself. It's not flattering but it's true.

I come from a background of a deep sense of worthlessness. Sometimes when my wonderful wife said, "I love you", I would instinctively reply, "Why?" So I am really scratching my head about GNU. Why is God blessing the ministry of GNU so prodigiously?

I don't believe it's due to good management, good planning or talented people. It is certainly not an abundance of resources.

I believe God is blessing GNU because it is his work. We don't own the gospel, but we do work for the One who does.

And, I believe that God is blessing GNU because of you. So when God sees his blood-bought children rise up together to spread the gospel by every means, he is well pleased.

Thank you, thank you, thank you in Jesus' name for your incredible support. God blesses us through you, and he is making us together to be a blessing to all nations through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Knowing what we know, we shouldn't ask "why?" Instead we should ask "why not?"

Grace and Peace in Jesus!

▼ **ELIEZER GONZALEZ**

Senior Pastor, Good News Unlimited

THE WORD IS SPREADING FAST THANKS TO YOU!

For the first time ever, GNU is broadcasting the gospel through television in India, thanks to your support.

Good News Unlimited is being broadcast through Pravachan Christian Television in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The 30-minute program every Friday morning is presented by Pastor Joseph Usala, who translates and re-preaches the messages by Des Ford, Eliezer Gonzalez and other GNU speakers.

After the first broadcast on Friday 16 February 2015, Pastor Joseph was contacted by many people who were delighted to hear the gospel preached on their televisions. Pastor Joseph says, "Thank God and thank you GNU for supporting and encouraging me to spread the Good News fast everywhere!"

Your gifts during our November appeal helped us reach \$14,219 and enabled us to send out hundreds of Christmas cards to Gospel Fellowships around the world.

On behalf of the recipients of your Christmas cards in Brussels and Africa, Pastor David Kayumba says, "I want to sincerely thank the GNU family for your kindness in designing and sending us the Christmas cards. The message they communicated is timeless and we shall cherish it and pass it on to others. Thank you for that spirit of giving and please don't you give up!"



Pastor Usala presents GNU's first TV broadcast in India.