AKING DUBLE

BY DES FORD

Ambiguity, uncertainty, sins, annoyances, irritations, debts, fears, failures. These things could be said to be a summary of life. Yours and mine. Indeed, from the third chapter, the whole Bible is a history of trouble. All its heroes knew many trials, even the Son of God himself.

When events in your life tempt you to despair and anger, remember this: trouble is normal, and it can work for us rather than against us.

Of course, there is much of a different colour: love, friendship, the power for good of our minds and senses, the gospel, faith, hope, love, accomplishment, pets, to name a few. But the troubles often get our chief attention. We see them as interruptions to the way we want to live our lives. They are not. God permits them to shake us out of our worldliness.

This is a sinful and sick world. It is driven by fear, multiplicity and confusion. But remember that the purpose of the world is not to give us happiness – it is a proving ground for the development of a Christlike...

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MAKING TROUBLE WORK FOR YOU

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...character, so that our happiness might be forever.

Painful emotions, sinful words and acts, and fears spring from insecurity. Only those who know that they are infinitely loved can survive life's threats and painfulness. Why is there so much violence by people everywhere in the world?

Because internally, they are angry at the lack of meaning in life, and the lack of infinite love for them personally – a love that accepts them, even though they are bad.

Take your concordance and see how many references there are regarding 'looking to Jesus', 'beholding' and 'considering' him. Here is the antidote to our fears and failures. Here is the spring for lasting enthusiasm for good.

When I can say with Paul: "The Son of God loved me and gave himself for me", then I am safe and trouble will work for me. Religion only works properly when we use the personal pronoun. See the recipe in Philippians 4:6,7: "Be anxious about nothing, prayerful about everything, and thankful for anything."

RWANDA GENOCIDE SURVIVOR FINDS HOPE THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

How Rose experienced healing grace that heals all horrors

Eliezer Gonzalez recently visited Brussels for a GNU mission trip and had the opportunity to share the gospel with people from across the city over seven days of meetings. The story below by Rose is a great encouragement of how you are helping the Good News spread fast and impact hearts for eternity, all around the world!

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The 1994 Rwandan Genocide robbed me of my first-born son and daughter, my husband, my mother and father, my five sisters and my niece. It started when I was in Belgium for a short visit. They were all in Rwanda.

Weeks after the Genocide, I found out that only my baby – my youngest son – had survived. I hurried to bring my son to Belgium.

Recently, my 19-year-old son, my only child to survive the genocide, was stabbed to death in Belgium. It was so bad I wanted to end my life.

Then I received an invitation to hear Pastor Eliezer preaching at the GNU gospel meetings in Brussels. I had long ago given up on God. I was bitter and angry toward him.

But, at the meetings, Pastor Eliezer taught me every day, reminding me of the things my parents had told us long ago: faith, forgiveness and love. And I experienced something brand new in my life!

I realise now, even when we turn our back on him, he still persists with us. He is not tired of our tears. Other people may tire of us and be ashamed of us, but God never lets us down. All these things I have experienced and learned.

One day God will bring back my family. Who is like God? I am so blessed.



Rosa joyfully receiving her copy of Jesus Only, by Des Ford.

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GNU APPOINTS EURO-AFRICA EVANGELISM COORDINATOR

Pastor David Kayumba has been appointed as GNU's new Evangelism Coordinator for the Euro-Africa region in a volunteer capacity. David has been doing a tremendous work for GNU in Europe and Africa for over a year out of the love that God has put in his heart for the gospel of Christ.

When informed of the board's decision, David replied as follows:

I do not merit this honour nor do I have anything to commend myself. I have been contemplating the magnitude of this privilege and responsibility. But because GNU is such a great family that is motivated by the love of Christ and determined to take the pure gospel to the world, and because this is God's business, I have nothing to fear.

I will carry out this blessed responsibility with humility and with the help of some faithful brothers and sisters whom God has given to us. I pray to God that, for the sake of the gospel, he will take GNU to destinations we know not of.

David's life and ministry have been significantly influenced by the ministry of Dr Desmond Ford. He was educated at Bugema University in Uganda. He is based in Brussels, Belgium, where he lives with his wife Ellen, and his little boy, Kaije.

Please pray for David as he takes on this important role in GNU's global operations.



We recently spoke with Terry and Sandra Docking, new GNU Partners, about their enthusiasm for the gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of GNU:

- Q Terry and Sandra, what brought you to make a decision to partner with GNU on a monthly basis?
- A Terry It's all about GNU's passion to take the gospel to the world. A gospel that crosses all boundaries and touches all hearts.
- What is it about the ministry of GNU that really sets it apart for you?

A Sandra - GNU's message is simple. It brings you face to face with Jesus. It answers the questions of the heart. It creates a desire to know him more

- What message would you like to share with GNU supporters who may consider becoming GNU Partners?
- A Terry It is a privilege to be able to give. Do It!

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 9050 (international) and 1300 013 237 (within Australia). Thank you for helping accelerate the spread of the Good News!

From TO YOU

Dear Friends in Christ,

The gospel is something that you cannot keep contained. It is true peace and happiness and joy – and when you have it, it is contagious. By the power of God, it simply spreads fast!

And today, as I look at what we are doing together, it's as if we are sitting on a barrel of gospel dynamite that's about to explode in ways we cannot even imagine.

Thank you for your incredible support. Because of your commitment to our Lord, we are able to take the gospel to where GNU has never taken the gospel before – even to the homes of those whose lives have been devastated by the most evil genocide in modern times (see Rose's story on Page 2).

As I write this, I can tell you that we have raised just under \$35,000 for the International Gospel Media Fund. At this stage, we are \$25,000 short of our target. We have been sharing the gospel with thousands every month through your generosity and now we stand on the cusp of sharing it with millions. By faith we believe that the Lord will provide so that this will be possible.

Please pray for Des, for myself, and for all of our team around the world. We just want to be humble servants as we face the privileges and challenges of working, together with you, in sharing the word of hope with a dying world.

Grace and Peace,

ELIEZER GONZALEZ Senior Pastor, Good News Unlimited

FORWARD AND ONWARD BY FAITH!

Last year, as a result of the inaugural Gospel to the Nations Appeal, and thanks to your generosity, we were able to acquire technical equipment and capacity to record high quality audio and video content. As a result, the Lord is opening up marvellous opportunities for us to broadcast the gospel in different parts of the world through television and radio, even beyond those that we have already announced.

We are looking forward to the Gospel to the Nations Appeal 2014 in November. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the means for us to fully and confidently step through those doors of opportunity. Yes, we are ambitious; we are ambitious for the gospel!

In addition to all of this, we are planning to soon have our very own weekly Unlimited TV show. Initially this will be broadcast online around the world; however, it will soon be generating TV and radio content for global media dissemination. Look out for it!



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