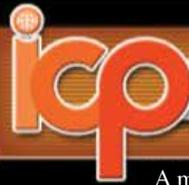




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## WHATSOEVER HE TELLS YOU, DO IT!

John 2:5

In his story of the Gospel of Jesus, John started at the beginning. Jesus was, and is, the Word (John 1:1). He was the "image of God" (Colossians 1:15). It was through Him that the universe was created. John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the redeemer of all creation. As Jesus increased, all others, even the greatest man ever born, would decrease. Jesus' increase began with a picturesque wedding in Galilee.

As the celebration continued, the supply of wine was depleted. The proud mother, knowing that her son was special, casually mentioned to Him that there was no wine. When Jesus seemed to rebuke her, Mary turned to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5). A mother's simple request became the springboard of hope for the world. Her faith in her son gave rise to her request.



The servants obeyed. They filled water pots and carried them to the host. Jesus' transformation of the water into wine made possible a great conclusion of the wedding celebration. When his disciples followed that pattern, a boy's lunch climaxed a powerful sermon by providing a meal for thousands of Jesus' followers (Mark 15:32). A widow's faith in God gave rise to her obedience in giving her two mites. She became a powerful example for the following generations (Mark 12:41). Many times, God uses the mundane things of life to demonstrate His power of transformation! The door to great blessings, wonder-filled experiences and joy-filled living is in Mary's simple instruction. "Whatsoever He tells you, do it."

What is Jesus telling you? However small or great His request, Jesus will honor your obedience! For us, the important thing is to simply do His bidding. Trust and obey. There is no other way to be happy in Jesus. Faith must give rise to your obedience. "Whatsoever He tells you, do it!"

## PHILIPPINES

Jeremiah Abay is preparing for the arrival of the container and the VBS materials for the children of the Philippines. Rita and I plan to go there in May and June to help with a Bible conference and distribution of the materials to as many as 250 churches.



The container has been loaded. Thanks to the volunteers for loading the container.

## NEW DIGITAL PRINTING PRESS

Words cannot express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers and offerings. Churches and individuals have responded with more than enough funds to pay cash for the new press. Excess funds will be reserved for future equipment needs.

The new press will do far more and better work than the old one! We will use it to print ICP curriculum for children and adults in English, Spanish and Tagalog (Philippines). The first job will be completing a project started for Chase Reynolds; the book of Luke in the Yetfa and Malaysian languages.

Thank you ❤️



## MYANMAR (Burma)

### Report from Jacob Tubal:

The annual missionary training has been completed. In April, Jacob will begin an extensive two-month training program with children and teenagers. This program will involve using the *Lord of Kings VBS* and the *Character Code for Life* curriculum.

Electric service is only available for about four hours per day in Yangon. Because of batteries which charge while electricity is on, Jacob can continue to translate and operate the computers and printers for extended periods.



Third wedding anniversary for Jacob and Priscilla.

### Report from Timothy Mang:

According to one news source, *The Guardian*, up to 170,000 people of Loikaw, the capitol city of Kayah State, have fled to the jungle forest for safety from the ruling army forces.

The villages around Loikaw have been destroyed by the army. Seven missionaries, who have received literature from ICP ministry, have led their people into the jungle forest and continue to minister to them. Occasionally, they hide in the caves and other safe places. On good days, the missionaries conduct salvation teaching classes in the forests. The children, young people and older people listen carefully and some of them are saved. "The forests have become the mission field; the battlefield could be the conversion field. God's grace is sufficient. Nothing can hinder the gospel!" according to Bro. Mang.

As God provides, we send emergency funds for the purchase rice and clothing items for the seven Baptist missionaries to distribute among their members. Please pray for these faithful children of God!



Children suffer the most when families have to flee to the jungle forest.



Bible study in Yangon



Children recite memory verses from CCF lessons.

## 2023 VBS

Brother Steve Reeves and our volunteer writers are making progress on a new VBS curriculum "The Master of the Seas." Exciting lessons from Jesus' ministry around the Sea of Galilee. This new VBS will be available for use in several languages.

