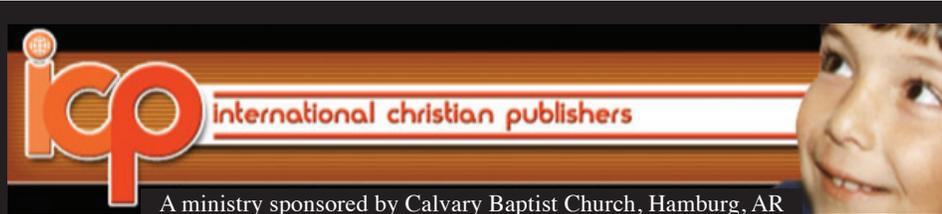




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## Devotional Thought by Bill Johnson

### THE WILDERNESS SCHOOL

"Jimmy has a cannon ball," called several seventh graders from the back of the bus. The class was headed home from a day-long field trip to the Vicksburg Civil War battlefield. Jimmy had indeed found a cannon ball, exposed in the grassy hillside by last night's rainstorm. All the students were very excited. One field trip may be worth a hundred days in the classroom.

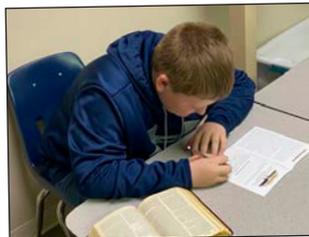
Following God's directions, Moses, who trained in God's Wilderness School, demanded that the King allow him to lead God's people into the desert on a three-day field trip to worship, serve and sacrifice (Exodus 3:18, 5:3, 7:16). The three-day retreat would be extended to forty-years of character training in the "Wilderness School."

A few hours a month in a totally artificial classroom will not fulfill God's plan for training His people. It will require a lifetime of study and apprenticeship in the "Wilderness School." In His wisdom, God declared that the family would create the correct learning environment for His children, from the cradle to the grave. Family is the only constant in life. Parents alone are in position to train children in their life-long pursuit of godliness.

Governments change. People move to new cities and become a part of new churches. But one's parents and one's children remain the same for life. Only parents can provide the constant field-trip type of instruction required to foster the growth of children's body, soul and spirit as they travel through the wilderness of life.

As surely as the cannon ball made a lasting impression on the minds of the seventh graders, a birth-to-adulthood field trip guided by loving, God fearing parents will prepare children to live godly in this present world.

## Testimony for CCfL



We've been using the *Character Code for Life* curriculum for a couple of years and it really fits well with our children. We are currently studying Module 4.

We have families of our church who bring their own children along with other children from our nearby community. Everyone benefits from this curriculum.

This past semester at Grace has been such a blessing. Two of our students have accepted Christ. These students have been attending our children's ministry for several years. Our church has said many prayers on their behalf. God is truly blessing our efforts!

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas



## New language for translation



God has opened a door for translation of ICP curriculum in another language. Missionary Robert Baidya, working in Bangladesh, located between India and Myanmar (Burma), has been meeting with me on ZOOM each Monday to learn about how ICP helps missionaries provide literature for their children. We hope to bring

him to the Philippines for additional training when Rita and I go in July. Missionary Baidya is sent out by Lifeline Baptist Church, Pastor David Smith, Mansfield, Texas.

## New press is up and running

We have already printed over eleven hundred books as well as newsletters for other missionaries and the one you are now reading. To God be the praise for all of you who have helped make this possible. The new digital press makes it possible to provide hundreds of thousands of Bible study lessons for children in as many as eight different languages around the world.





Jacob, his wife Priscilla, have begun an extensive training program at the ICP/Hope Children's Home. The twenty-seven teens will stay at the home for two months. Since there is no government school open, they will study general school subjects as well as Bible study classes. The *Lord of Kings* VBS curriculum by ICP will be used as a basis for their Bible classes. A special ESL curriculum based on ICP's *Character Code for Life* curriculum and developed by Brenda Jackson will be the basis for English classes. Jacob reports that the young people are very excited to be able to attend these classes which are eight hours each day for the two months.

Rita and I have met some of those teens. According to Jacob, some are children of the pastors who have fled from their home villages in Kaya State where we had our ICP first training in Myanmar. Because of the war and the destruction and dead bodies that they witnessed, some of them have such trauma that they have a hard time accepting the goodness of God. Jacob wrote, "I do not blame them at all; however, this does not mean that they forsook their faith. It is just that it's very hard for them to process through all they witnessed. It will take a lot of prayer and counseling to direct them in the right path. Please, do pray for them. My heart aches for them. I am very glad that they made it to the training to learn God's Word, because there is no answer in the whole world for this kind of dilemma except in the Bible."

"In addition to what they have experienced in their state," Jacob continued, "the authorities, with six armed soldiers and eight civilians who sided with military, came to our children's home last Thursday night. Some of the teens cried very hard because they were so afraid. I don't blame them at all after what they have experienced in their state and coming to this children's home expecting that it will be safer. The authorities showed up unexpectedly.

"What made the matter worse was that they took all our phones and checked whether we have any contact with the resistance forces. They took my phone as well and saw a few posts that I shared a week ago about the current situation in Myanmar. So, they were about to arrest me, but I talked to them and asked them forgiveness. So, they did not take me immediately, but they took my phone and iPad with them after warning me that they will check my phone and facebook account thoroughly. If they found any contact with the resistance force, they will arrest me. They stayed for about an hour. My son, Joseph Jacobson, cried a lot and even threw up due to the pressure, I suppose. My wife did not sleep the whole night for fear that they would take me to custody the next day. We prayed. All believers prayed. My parents did not sleep and prayed.

"The next evening, which was last night, we went back to the authorities' office. I was given just a warning and a fine of 50,000 MMK (\$27.00). Thankfully, that was the exact amount I brought. We were expecting that they would charge more. Anyway, God was good and worked things good for us.

"Back to the training, please pray for these teens that they will have a strong faith even in this situation. I know they are still processing what happened two nights ago. They did not want me to leave for a few reasons: one, they want to learn more about God from me and secondly, they fear that the authorities might come back. However, I had to leave because someone else will teach them the coming week. Again, please do pray for them. In fact, last night when I went to the office of the local authority, they warned me that they would come very often to check us without any notice. I did not tell the students that; otherwise, they will never sleep well."

In Christ,  
Jacob, Priscilla, and  
Joseph Jacobson

**Note:** Jacob is Lead Translator for ICP ministries in Myanmar (Burma).

Please continue to pray for this ministry and the people of Myanmar.

