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Ministry Update

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Some stories in a missionary's life must be told, especially those that can only be explained by the sovereign power and grace of God. As Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (NASB 1995), *For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.*

"So that we have no need to say anything" is another way of saying some stories of faith speak for themselves. Several years ago, a woman visited a church I pastored and returned with her husband the following Sunday. After the service, he came straight to the pulpit and said, "I want to learn about the Bible." I replied, "It is critically important that we know we must also live the Bible we learn." A few short months later, he became a baptized believer. Soon after his conversion, he brought his nephew to church, and the nephew, too, became a baptized believer. Then his youngest son, now a young man, also repented, believed, and was baptized. His sister followed, then her two sons, then his older brother, and the brother's two sons—all in that very order. And I have not even mentioned the friends and coworkers they have brought to faith! I must confess that in my 35 years in the ministry, I have never experienced the conversion of a family and their friends like this! Most amazing of all, it happened in just 6 years! Paul goes on in verse 9: *For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.*

I fear many stories of salvation describe people who sit, soak, and sour. Not the Thessalonians: they were saved to serve, and so was this extraordinary family. I could write a book describing their acts of kindness, love, and generosity towards people in need, but let me share my favorite. One of the nephews, a physical therapist, needed a kidney transplant (praise God for his brother's donated kidney). Despite everything he was enduring while waiting for a donor, he drove 45 minutes to my home to help me with my legs. Then, from his hospital bed just after his transplant, he called me to make sure I was doing my exercises. Saved to serve!

I pray that the word of the Lord will continue to sound forth from this family's faith, so much so that the only explanation is our Lord's sovereign power and grace!

To God be the Glory; great things He has done!

Because of Him,

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