



AT THE START OF EACH YEAR, Joanne and I individually and intentionally select a word that will be our theme in the coming year. The word we choose essentially encompasses or guides how we approach the upcoming year. It also often challenges us to strive towards reaching our personal goals.

After some deliberation, I chose the word **BOUNDLESS**. The word means “without limit, immeasurable.” I usually pair a scripture verse with my word and I chose Ephesians 3:20 as my year verse for 2024: **“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”** This verse reminds me that no matter how bold our requests may seem, God can do all we ask and much more. The message of Ephesians 3:20 is that God can do all we ask and more than we can imagine.

This verse encourages me to pray boldly before the Throne of Grace, both personally as well as for the ministry that the Lord has entrusted to us. As I write this letter to you, I can honestly say that God has heard and granted what I have boldly asked for in so many areas of our lives. Let me share some of that with you.....

WE'RE TAKING THE PETER PROJECT INITIATIVE TO KENYA!

Since I was a young boy, I have always been fascinated by maps. I love to pour over and study maps of various parts of the world, particularly Africa.

The goal of starting the Peter Project Initiative was to make a sound theological training both affordable and accessible to the untrained pastors of Africa - the whole of Africa. Maps have been an important part of that vision, and as I have poured over maps of Africa I have asked the Lord to “do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” I have boldly asked Him to expand this ministry throughout the African Continent, as the need is great everywhere.

As I and others have prayed for more opportunity, we have seen the Lord’s answers to our prayers. On our recent furlough to the USA, our second meeting was at a church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. After sharing our ministry, a man came up to me afterwards and told me that he had been a missionary working in Kenya many years before.

He said that he had a contact there who would be very interested in our ministry as there are many in Kenya who need training and equipping. He put me in touch with his contact, and we have subsequently been corresponding back and forth over the months.

As a result of this contact, I will be visiting Nairobi, Kenya at the beginning of March to conduct a Teacher Training Workshop with a group of qualified men. Thereafter, they will go out into their villages and begin classes to train pastors.

Then, at our last furlough meeting in the Greensboro, North Carolina area, the pastor mentioned that their church has been supporting a national pastor in the town of Kitale, in the Kenyan highlands. Again, he put me in touch with this pastor and we have been emailing back and forth. This is an email I recently received from him:

Hi Pastor Graham, greetings from Kitale, Kenya. I am Pastor Alfred Juma Mangwa. I got your information from Pastor Mike of Crusade Baptist Church in North Carolina. He has been my friend for a period of 9 years and he has been equipping our churches in Kenya with materials from his website.

He introduced me to you about your Initiative of training untrained pastors in Africa. Actually this project will really help our churches and leaders with the knowledge of God in theology and therefore when you come to Kenya please, we also welcome you at Kitale to see our pastors here also get the training.

We have got almost 300 pastors who are untrained here.

Thanks and God bless you brother.

Pastor Alfred Juma Mangwa

Wow! My word “Boundless” comes to mind. It has been amazing to see the Lord answering our prayers in this way and using others to make the connections. I am excited to see what He does as we pray about the countries of Burkina Faso, Zambia and Malawi as well.

I hope this encourages you as much as it has encouraged us. Please pray with us as I visit Ghana and Kenya from the 4th to the 13th March. I’ll let you know how it goes!

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

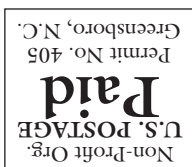
Onward and Upward!

Graham & JoAnne

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Year End Nudge

We want to say *Thank You* for the way so many of you responded once again to the **"Nudge Project."** As you know, each November through January, we ask our friends to give an extra \$5 or \$10 to help with the costs of operating the IFM Home Office for our missionaries. This little extra gift helps to "nudge" us out of the past year and into a new year. This season, your gifts again helped us meet our budget goals for last year and start 2024 on good footing. It is such a blessing to have experienced again the encouragement of God's people!

Missionary Projects

Often IFM missionaries have projects they are trying to accomplish in their ministries. Listed below are several of these projects that are in need of additional funding.

- **Mike & Marie Brunk**, South Africa - *Village Mercy rehab facility*
- **Jim & Ivonne Gardner**, Mexico - *Camp Meta youth camp*
- **Hannah Gardner**, Mexico - *Christian School scholarships*
- **Dexter & Jackelle Kirby**, St. Vincent - *Christian School building*
- **Graham & Joanne Peacocke**, Africa - *Peter Project (pastoral training initiative)*
- **LaVerne Waugh**, Zimbabwe - *Simon Waugh Memorial Fund*
- **Kenya Field Memorial Fund** - *supplement national pastor's ministry*
- **Sam & Susan John**, India - *women's prison sewing machines*
- **Mathew & Mary Yennaah**, Ghana - *church plants building construction*

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When my boys were young, it was quite common for one (or both of them) to suffer injury. There were times, especially as toddlers, I thought it might be wise to just put them in a helmet to prevent all those inevitable head bumps and bangs. Truthfully, I've had a head bump or two that made me think I might should wear a helmet too!

While I might look silly walking around with a helmet on my head all the time, there are dangerous situations that call for such a thing. Hardhats are critical for construction workers, and helmets help protect football players as they play. Likewise, it certainly would have been necessary for a Roman soldier to don a helmet along with his other armor in order to give his head protection. In Ephesians 6:11-18, Paul uses the example of a Roman soldier's attire to compare how a Christian should prepare to face spiritual battle. In verse seventeen, he tells believers to "take the helmet of salvation." Let's consider what this meant for the soldier, and how it applies to us.

No Roman soldier would ever go into battle without his helmet. Likely made of a heavy bronze, a soldier would have been quite protected with his helmet, and it gave him an edge over his foe. A soldier needed to be able to think, reason, and obey commands. A head injury would prevent a soldier from doing anything in a battle, rendering him useless. Wearing a helmet would have given him protection and the ability to function at the highest level.

For the Christian, we too must be able to think, reason, and obey commands in order to function properly. A spiritual "head injury" can very much hamper our ability to fight for the Lord. Doubts, anxieties, and sin are blows that can stop us in our tracks and prevent us from obeying the King. How can we defend against these attacks?

First, our salvation enables us to obey the commands of the King as we should. The apostle Paul tell us in Romans 8:7, "...the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God." But the salvation provided through Christ allows our minds to be instructed by Him to obey His commands. "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). Through salvation, our minds are changed and obedience to God is possible.

Secondly, the helmet protects us from discouragement and gives us hope. In 1 Thessalonians 5:8, Paul also uses the example of spiritual armor to encourage believers. Here he calls the christian's helmet the "hope of salvation." Our hope through salvation allows us to know what our eternity holds. We wrestle against spiritual darkness now that we may enjoy the rewards of eternity later. As Christ's assurance of a heavenly home was meant to encourage his disciples (John 14:1-3), so too can we be encouraged to serve Him today. As Paul reminds the Colossians, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). What great hope our salvation brings!

Join me daily in donning the helmet of salvation that our minds might be protected from the onslaughts of the wicked one. His attacks aimed to bring us to disobedience and discouragement stand no chance against the armor our King provides. Thank you for your prayers and support of Independent Faith Mission. Pray for your missionaries today as they fight in the battlefield of the King.

Hal S. Pope, Jr. | Executive Director

If you are traveling, there are a number of different kinds of websites available to help in finding a great place to stay, ranging from rooms above garages to apartments to whole houses. Because so many IFM missionaries struggle to find lodging on a tight budget, we established a network across the country to DIRECTLY HELP provide IFM missionary ambassadors with both long-term and short-term, free or very affordable housing while they are traveling on deputation or furlough. We are looking for any available kinds of housing - single rooms, apartments, prophet's chambers, and houses.

If you or your church would like to be part of this network of missionary housing, please visit our website (www.ifmnews.com) to submit your information. Use the "General Inquiry" page found under the "Contact" tab to let us know you are interested in being a part of this network and type "**Missionary Travel Network**" in the subject line to let us know the best way to contact you with more information.

