

DISCUSSION IDEAS
BARANGONAN ISLAND REPORT

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2

April 2nd, 2017

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL MEN.**

Read 2 Timothy 2:2.

Discuss how this ties in with our studies of the Body of Christ, and the Grace-Gifts given to each believer.

How does the Spiritual growth and maturity among the Tagbanwa believers illustrate this truth?

In what ways can we continue to support these believers in prayer?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHAT DOES THIS EXPERIENCE TEACH US ABOUT EFFECTIVE MINISTRY?**

What did Nate tell us about the spiritual maturity and gifts of folks like Eddie, Rose and Jeremy?

Remember the account about the Jesus Film presentation?

Why did that not appear to be an effective outreach?

Think about the cultural barriers and how the Jesus Film presents the Story.

Consider the language issues, when the listeners' heart language is different from the one used for the film dialogue.

What about the "Religious" assumptions we tend to add to the Gospel?

Review how it was that Ingvoldstads and Binders told the story of God, Man, Sin and a Redeemer.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: HOW WILL YOU APPROACH AN UNSAVED FRIEND ABOUT JESUS?**

What key information does an unsaved person need to understand clearly?

How can we keep "religion" and religious overtones from confusing the issue of salvation and of spiritual growth?

How does Agape Love apply to all this?

How can you show true Love and Care to someone who is disgusting to you?

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♦ **FOR PRAYER:**

Our Grace Church Elders: Pray for our elders as they seek how to do their part in God's plan.

Gettises: Pray for the Gettis family as they continue to get settled in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Cindy writes:

Please pray the Lord provides us with a vehicle that is reliable and affordable.

Please continue to pray for Elba (*a friend Cindy has met*). She said she'd like to go to church and we found one we like so I'd like if she could come with us. We found a church that was extremely kind and welcoming and had solid Bible teaching and beautiful worship. They meet at ESEPA on Sundays.

Shelter Valley: Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there. Pray for Scott and Leslie Stevens as Scott heads up this ministry. Pray for continued growth in understanding among those who attend about God's Plan and what it really means to follow Him.

Home Groups: Pray for our home groups.

Pray for the leaders to grow in understanding and skill so that those in each group will truly grow in their walk in the Spirit and in true agape love.

Pray that more folks will take part in a home group and be encouraged as a result.

Pray that each one of us would seek to learn how to use our individual spiritual gift(s) to build up the Body of Christ.

Pearsons: Continue to pray for John and Bobbie Pearson. Their son, John Caleb, has advanced cancer. John Caleb and wife Cheri are now staying at a rental condo near John and Bobbie in Forest, VA. Their 8 children, 4 under 12, have been flown down from Alaska to visit/stay with them. John and Bobbie's 5 daughters and their families are coming by to stay/visit. Thanks for prayers during this stressful time.

Barangonan Island: Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Barangonan Island.

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Pray for wisdom and encouragement as the Ingvolstads get settled here in Ramona and adjust to a new stage in their life.

Pray for wisdom and encouragement as Binders make decisions about their new life in Germany.

Pray for wisdom, clear understanding of God's Word and continued obedience to the Holy Spirit on the part of the island church leaders.

Pray for God's choice of Elders to become clear as various men continue to serve Him in the Tagbanwa church.

Continue to uphold the Tagbanwa believers who go to a neighboring island every Friday to teach about God. Pray too for the hearers to respond.

Continue to pray for strength and endurance for those who go, as well as understanding for those who hear.

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.

Persecuted Believers:

Let's not forget to uphold our fellow believers around the world who are experiencing real and intense persecution for following Jesus.

THIS WEEK:

1. North Africa:

A pastor who has been arrested several times because of his Christian faith is having difficulty providing for his family because he cannot find work.

Pastor "Rahim" has met with potential employers on several occasions, but they always turn him down because of his reputation as a Christian.

VOM is now helping him start a small business, which has already shown success, as he continues to lead a house church of about 10 believers.

Pray for Pastor Rahim, his family and the church members, who also face persecution.

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2. Damascus, Syria:

In recent years, the population of Damascus has swelled from less than two million to well over four million as Syrians, including hundreds of thousands of Christians, have sought sanctuary inside the city's security cordon.

A new al-Qaeda-led coalition, recently perpetrated several devastating attacks deep inside the ancient city of Damascus.

Ask the Lord to intervene in the Middle East, bringing protection and provision to His suffering people in Syria – including those who have been forced to leave their homes while fleeing danger. Pray that these steadfast followers will be strengthened and encouraged to continue living wholeheartedly for Him. In spite of the political unrest, may they become even stronger spiritually, so that through their Christian witness many others will seek and find the one true God. Ask Him to grant wisdom to the church leaders, equipping them to minister effectively during these perilous times.

Additionally, intercede for all who are opposing God and His people so that they, too, will personally come to know Jesus as Risen Savior and Lord.

3. Europe – Praise item:

Despite recent ISIS terrorist attacks in Europe, church attendance seems to be skyrocketing with the rapid conversions of Iranian and Afghani immigrants to Christianity.

While Europe has a history of low church growth, these Muslim-background believers are reported to be bringing the Christian faith back to life. One church leader says that about one of every four conversions are Muslims converting to Christianity.

The Muslim immigrants converting to Christianity are having a noticeable impact on the overall church growth and attendance.

Praise God for the wonderful ways in which He is revealing the truth of the Gospel. Pray that many more people will open their hearts to Jesus so they may also experience the transforming power of His love!