



Heaven and Earth



November 2020 Update

It is difficult to convey the assurance of God's kingdom when the church and society are locked in the vice grips of deafening culture wars, each side in fear that this is the turning point of civilization. Yet a whisper in a whirlwind uttered by the right person to the right people can turn the world upside-down, or right-side-up depending on your perspective. Allow me to illustrate this truth with two key verses.

***"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'
(Matt. 28:18 NASB)***



Jesus established the necessary and unchanging authority structure in heaven and on earth – himself – that is the foundation for all Christian mission, and he affirmed this during a brutal Roman occupation, an empire that would eventually give way after three centuries of sacrificial Christian witness. Why did the disciples listen, believe, and obey? Because Christ had just defeated death. And neither Jesus' authority nor commandment has changed during the rise and fall of two millennia of kingdoms and kings.

Moreover, God prophetically assures the culmination of the kingdom:

***"... and there were loud voices in heaven,saying,
'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He will reign forever and ever.'"
(Rev. 11:15)***

I just returned home after being with my mother as her husband, George Moore, passed away from a four-year battle with cancer. On my mother's 79th birthday, the day before George passed, he rallied his last strength to tell all of us how much he loved us. Last of all, he thanked me for what I have done for my family. This was ironic because I have been on the mission field since 1993, away from my family. When I told this to George, he said, "You were doing God's work." The next day George quietly slipped into eternity with Jesus while holding my mother's hand.

I share this to honor George and my mother who gladly released me to serve as a missionary, sacrificing nearness to their granddaughters so that we could bring the nearness



of God to others. But I also share this as a sober reminder concerning the real enemy we face, sin and death, both of which were defeated by Jesus Christ. Please hear the heart of God. Our neighbor, whether near or far, is not our enemy, rather, our neighbor is the object of God's loving redemption that we are called to communicate and demonstrate through our humble witness. Despite the culture wars that rage around us, our citizenship is in heaven.

My report from the field this month is quite simple. Our teams continue to train for ministry, find ways to reach others and make disciples during COVID restrictions, and serve the disadvantaged in their midst. Please pray for the team in Armenia that is helping refugees who fled the military conflict with neighboring Azerbaijan and pray for the team in South Africa that is preparing to move to Zagreb, Croatia where they will plant a church.

Finally, please stand with us in prayer as we consider plans to upgrade our work in Prague, Czech Republic. Prague is an amazing, historically rich city in our region where the Gospel is greatly needed since Czech Republic is the most secular nation in Europe. However, we have a faithful outreach group there as well as another couple moving there for work soon. If you or anyone you know is interested in Prague, please contact us.

Thanks again for making our mission possible. God bless!
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Prayer Requests

1. Continued health & recovery for Myra
2. New & sustained financial provision
3. Team development for projects in Romania, the Caucasus, Prague & Greece
4. Peace & stability for volatile regions where our teams minister (Ukraine & the Caucasus)

