

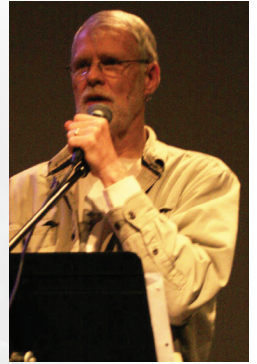


PREPARE MINISTRIES CAMEL COURIER

FALL 2013: PERSECUTION ISSUE

THE WHY OF PERSECUTION BY GARY GILBERTSON

Persecution is one of the “seven P’s” we believe God has lead us to emphasize as we work to disciple a generation of students anticipating the return of Jesus. The first murder in the history of the world took place just outside the gate of the garden of Eden. Cain killed Abel. This was the beginning of religious persecution which will continue until the coming of the Lord. Cain believed his good works would qualify him for the favor of God while Abel believed it was the blood of a lamb that would bring forgiveness of sins and the favor of a Holy God. Those who believe in man’s good works to earn salvation will always hate those who believe in God’s righteous sacrifice for salvation.



INCREASING PERSECUTION

Currently there are at least 60 countries where you could be imprisoned or killed by the government for trusting in Christ for salvation. Radical Muslims and Hindus are leaders in persecution but atheistic countries like North Korea and China have a long history of beating, imprisoning, and killing believers in Jesus.

A whopping 75 percent of the world lives in an area with severe religious persecution. In our own country, religious liberties are being challenged at an alarming rate. For instance a large Christian company, Hobby Lobby is being threatened with fines exceeding one million dollars a day for refusing to fund abortion-inducing drugs. This is just one of 1200 incidents of hostility to religion in America, double the incidents from 2012.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!

Water color artist Esther Kazenbach brought us this painting of a vision she had in a dream. We did not have the interpretation until watching a video where the half crown of thorns was displayed as the logo for Voice of the Martyrs. We titled the painting “Fellowship of His Sufferings” and knew that we were to take our place supporting the persecuted people of God. You can request a copy.

THE PROMISE OF PERSECUTION BY JON CHARA

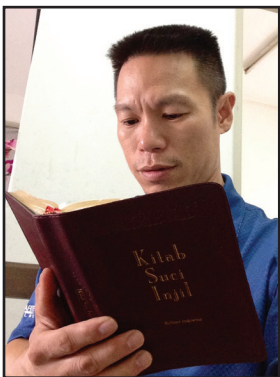
One of Jesus' promises to us is "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you." {John 15:20} We'll meet persecution if we're actively serving Christ. I've spent a little time the last few

"Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12

weeks with a student from Iraq. If she tells people about Christ back home, she'll be arrested and lose her job. Just before she left to pursue her graduate degree in America, the Islamic government shut down her church. Prepare students at her campus are praying fervently for her.



Even though they don't experience this kind of persecution, they can "participate in their suffering" through constant prayer for brothers and sisters all over the world. "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it..." {1 Cor 12:26}



NEW BAN ON BIBLES BY WAIHON LIEW

Waihon Liew, new husband of only a few months to Donna (Swanson) Liew, is stuck in Malaysia due to visa complications. He is actively ministering there while awaiting to be reunited with Donna. Waihon writes of the increasing persecution in his homeland:

"Religious tensions are arising from the Christians using the term 'Allah' in their common Bible. Allah is the common word meaning God, but Muslims are claiming it is the name of their God. All Christian Bibles are now banned by the government of Malaysia. This is adding fuel to the

radical element of Islam. They have already burned several churches, some pastors have been arrested, and many churches have gone underground. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Malaysia as they face blasphemy charges if caught with a Bible."

"Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body." Hebrews 13:3

IDOP 2011: PADINA

Please watch a 7 minute video of a miraculous healing and conversion in Iran in the midst of the persecution. You can scan the QR code below with a smart



phone, or go to www.youtube.com and search for "Padina".

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED

November 10 marks the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Bill and Darlene Davis visited Prepare campuses again this Fall. Bill's testimony of transformation from a life of crime and despair continues to impact students. Their daily habit is to pray for the persecuted church.



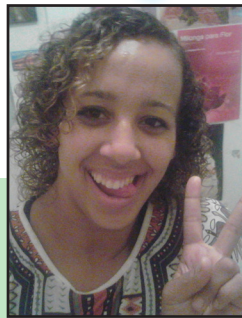
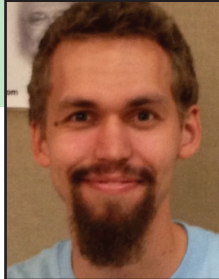
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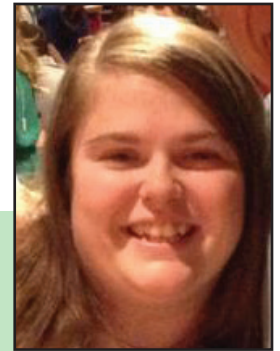


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STELLA'S RECIPE CORNER - CRISPIX SNACK MIX

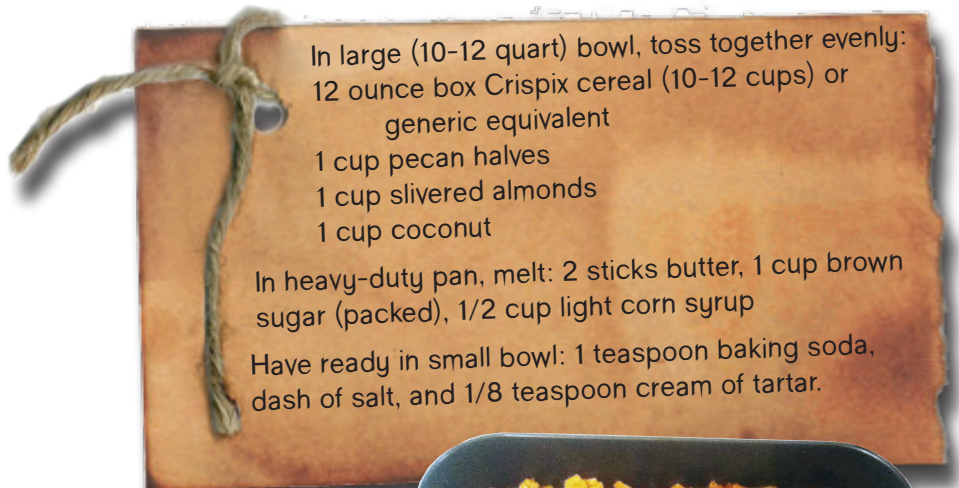
This has become our family's favorite sweet treat at Christmas. It's also great for giving.

Preheat oven to 350°
Coat with cooking spray
one 12x18-inch pan OR two
9x13-inch pans; set aside.

Bring the butter, brown
sugar and corn syrup to
a boil over medium heat;
cook five minutes, stirring
constantly during cooking.
Remove from heat and
immediately add baking
soda, salt, and cream of tartar. Mix in (mixture will
foam) and pour over cereal mixture. Using two large
spoons, toss to coat evenly. Quickly add Crispix
mixture to prepared pan(s). Bake 8 minutes, lift and
stir with spatula. Bake 8 minutes longer. Remove from

oven, spread in single layer onto waxed
or parchment paper on counter to cool
completely. Break up and store in airtight container or Ziploc bags. Makes
about 3 quarts.

Yum!



PREPARED TO LEAD RETREAT

So what is a leader in the kingdom of God? We held our annual fall leadership retreat in Northfield, September 13 - 14, to think about this question. We had about 30 students join us from the campuses of St. Cloud State, U of M, Gustavus Adolphus, and St. Olaf. There were times of teaching, discussion, small groups, and prayer for the campuses. It was a sweet time of fellowship, equipping and preparing for the students for the upcoming year's ministry.

SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED FOR ONETHING CONFERENCE

Every year we bring 40 plus students down to the International House of Prayer for the OneThing Young Adults Conference in Kansas City, MO. This year's theme is "One Call, One Story, One Coming King." If you would like to donate to help send someone to this life-changing conference, you can mark checks with "scholarship fund" in the memo.



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FRIDAY, FEB. 21ST

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