



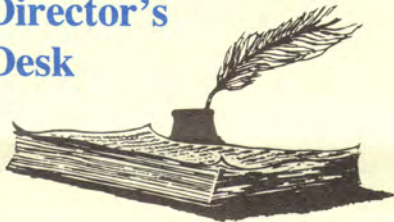
THE CONTENDER

Christmas 1990

"... it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." - Jude 3

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From The Director's Desk



"And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness overcame it not... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.."

- John 1:5; I John 3:8b

I want to close 1990 by pausing to reflect on all He has done by your investment and commitment to CCGM. The journey of ministry took me to Atlanta, Reno, Grand Rapids, Gallup and Manhattan. Weaving a year of proclamation concerning the preaching of the Cross, you enabled the Word of God to be heralded with every expectation that it never returns void. "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth; it shall never return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I sent it." (Is. 55:11)

Prisoners, students, pastors, Corrections leaders and people groups representing the nations were among those visited. The Spirit of God effectually worked in countless lives drawing many to personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Against the backdrop of our present violent and reckless age is a faithful moving of God's Spirit. Evangelist Dayalan Sanders of Sri Lanka presently seeks to preach Christ among Tamal refugees of North America and the world. Native American youth are aiming at careers for Christ and visiting Africans have clearly

witnessed the desperate spiritual famine of our own continent. Incarcerated men and women are turning their hearts back to God. Children are bringing their mothers to know Christ and the broken neighborhood and home are now the focus of a growing Home Missions agenda for the Church.

This year has shown revival in Europe and has reflected exciting trends for Missions as we approach the year 2000.

As I write, precious friends of this ministry cry out. AIDS has crippled the life of a dying 31-year-old friend, while a bullet has felled the life of another at 24. Shootings, stabbings and common violence are the expected order of the days before us. However, we see great hope in a moving of the heart of the Church for such a time as this.

By His grace and mercy, we look forward to 1991 and the privilege of seeing God's Word impact the Chester County Prison. We fully intend to continue addressing wardens and surely can't relent concerning the children's Bible Club and Southeast Secure Treatment Unit.

My prayer is that you will journey with us in the New Year. The work is truly His. I covenant with you to proclaim the Word of God. I want nothing more than to see His Word through the Spirit of God penetrate and dispel the Darkness! It's a wonderful war to have a part in. God bless you for helping us occupy the many strongholds of the enemy. Pray and labor with us that God may yet visit His Church with power and great glory!

By His blood and Word and Spirit we move gratefully forward!

Love, Jack

Warden's Corner

In September through November, we sent two Bibles to Wardens.

On December 5, 1990, the following thoughts were sent to us in a personal letter from a Pennsylvania prison warden:

"It's 12:30 a.m. and I'm in my office catching up on all the back paperwork that constantly needs done. I'm going through my pile of problems, requests, complaints and general correspondence when I reached your letter.

"I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate hearing from you on a regular basis and that your letters always give me a different perspective on my thoughts as I work in the prison system... I hope you continue doing so for a long time..."

Sincerely, R.G.

A Reminder

Chesapeake Men's Retreat Sandy Cove Bible Conference

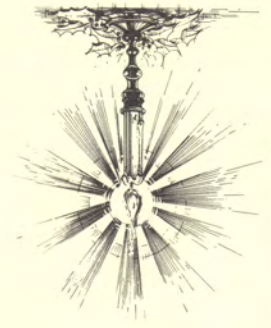
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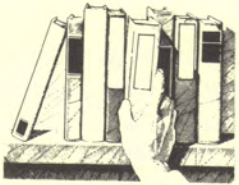
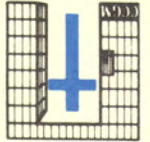
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New Tribes Mission
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A "must see" for every Christian. You will witness the power of God's Word in a refreshing way. Laymen will be encouraged to know the potential of their lives when yielded to Christ.

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By Ravi Zacharias
Wolgemuth/Hyatt Publishers

Contrasts the emptiness of atheism with the hope and fulfillment of Christianity, and does so with compelling arguments and meaningful illustrations.

Let Our Eyes Affect Our Hearts

*"Groanings which cannot
be uttered are often prayers
which cannot be refused."*

- Spurgeon

*"And Mary said, My soul
doth magnify the Lord, and
my Spirit hath rejoiced in God
my Savior. For he hath
regarded the low estate of his
handmaiden; for, behold,
from henceforth all
generations shall call me
blessed."* - Luke 1:46-48

*"The people that sat in
darkness saw great light, and
to them who sat in the region
and shadow of death, light is
sprung up."* Matthew 4:16

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