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Missionaries in His
service 'til He comes

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Dear Partners in the Faith,

Everybody gets excited when they hear **good news** about something like a raise in pay, stocks that tripled in value over night, a new grand child or whatever you have experienced that really caused you to shout for joy.

GOOD NEWS Well here is something that has caused Carol and me to shout about. I happened to catch the following on Face Book a while back. This is a "pay day some day" happening! Here it is: from April Peralta
"On April 10, 1983 is the day I received God's gift of everlasting life. I responded to the invitation that Pastor Melvyn Brown gave after the afternoon service in LaLoma Baptist Church (Manila). Then a young lady, Rachel Oberes took me to a room and showed me from the Bible how I can be saved. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." I confesses I was a sinner, then believed and asked JESUS to come into my life as my Personal Savior to save me from hell. God has been faithful, wonderful, amazing and true to His promises for the past 33 years! Our Nanay, Tatay and sis Astrud along with lolo Basingong, lola Metring, my father in law, and few more family members went home ahead. I can't wait to see them, but most of all I want to see MY SAVIOR FIRST OF ALL! And JESUS promised - "...I will come again!" April's husband, Aldo, also received Christ at LBC, his brother pastors a church 2 hours south of Manila and the story goes on and on. How we love to read stories like this! We are sure glad God called us to the Philippines!



SHOCKING NEWS This is something we don't enjoying reading. Taken from an article I read recently: "...What was given as The Great Commission has turned into what some have labeled The Great Omission. When something is "omitted", it is "left out, undone, neglected". Instead of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth as the Lord commanded, the modern church won't even take the Gospel to the end of the street. Consider the following: 95% of all Christians have never won a soul to Christ. 80% of all Christians do not consistently witness for Christ. Less than 2% are involved in the ministry of evangelism. 71% (???) do not give toward the financing of The Great Commission."

"These statistics are sad (shocking) because they reveal the true state of the modern churches and Bible Institutions. We are satisfied to be saved, but we are not motivated to see others come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Somehow we have come to believe that the end of our responsibility is to come to church a couple of times a week, pray when we can, read the Bible every now and then, and live a life that is slightly cleaner than the world around us. We have forgotten the truth that Christianity is a militant, activist faith. Our calling is not to endure to the end; but to storm the very gates of Hell, Matt. 16:18. Our orders are not to sit by while the world drops off into Hell; our orders are to go into the world and tell them the glorious news of a crucified and risen Savior Who specializes in saving souls, and in changing lives and eternal destinies...."

HOW TO CORRECT THE SHOCKING NEWS Well, we must be about our "Father's business..." (Luke 2:49) I pray that God will enable us to continue to be part of that 2% that is involved in the ministry of evangelism, that is winning souls to Christ. That is the "Father's business." If you are one of the many who do not know how to win a person to Christ, I have a web page at www.bama4u.org/beasoulwinner.htm that will teach you how if you are really interested. Winning a lost, hell bound soul to Christ is the most important thing you can do in life. Winning souls and helping others who win souls (missionaries) will deliver many people from eternal hell. We sing in our churches "**Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen, Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.**" THIS IS THE FATHER'S BUSINESS!

Thank you for holding the ropes for us with your faithful prayers and financial support. They enable us to "keep on keeping on" as we reach the lost with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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