

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



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Dear Precious Saint of our Heavenly Father;

You are so precious to us, you will never know just how much you mean to us and how much we love you. You are in our prayers and thoughts constantly. We, the church, are VICTORS over our enemy. We have the power and authority to use our Father's Words and the name of His Son – JESUS! We are strong and mighty in our Lord. ***A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but It shall not come nigh thee,*** Psalm 91:7. You the church, the Bride of Jesus Christ, are a powerful strong army of the Lord. We walk in this Victory together. We stand together in prayer for each other. Many foes are attacking the Christian, the family, the church, the nations of freedom, and the entire world. When Satan looks at us, he sees the image of our Heavenly Father. When he sees us walking in victory he remembers how Jesus defeated him in his hometown in front of all of the fallen angels while all of the saints of God in Abraham's Bosom cheered and praised the Lord Almighty. We serve the one, and the only, risen Son of our Heavenly Father!

As this earth trembles under the load of sin, let us stand strong, tall, and powerful in the very face of our enemy. Several years ago while under a barrage of spiritual attacks against me and my family, I just got fed up with the 'yapping dogs' of the enemy constantly nipping at us and our household. As 'priest and prophet' of my family, I officially declared "WAR" against our enemy, the devil. On December the 15th war was declared. This was not a light thought, no passing wish, no temporary declaration. NO, it was, and still is, an ALL OUT DECLARATION OF WAR! Having made the decision, I took my precious wife by the hand, led her to our staircase, helped her up a step, turned her around so that she could look me in the eye, and prayed that we were renewing more than our faith in the Father, that we were going to stand together against our enemy with every word we spoke and action we made. I made a covenant with her and the Lord, giving her a covenant token bracelet, and putting one of the same design on my wrist, stating that I would not only love her every day of my life but that every time I looked at or felt that bracelet, I would hold her up in prayer and that my love for her would never fail, no matter what happened, I would always be there for her, in love with her.

The next day was my son's birthday. I made the same covenant, with the same token, to him. It wasn't much longer that the same covenant and token was made with my daughter and son-in-law. The years have come and gone, the covenants are stronger today than they were then. No matter where my family goes, what they do, my love and prayers will never cease. There is nothing that could ever stop my love for them, no matter what happens. It is a love to die for!

That is exactly what our Heavenly Father said and did for us. He said that ***He would never ever leave us nor forsake us.*** No matter what we do, we cannot separate His love from us. He sent His token, His Son, to die for us, and if we accept Jesus, we can stand spiritually in the very presences the LORD of all of creation, and call Him "Father". I don't know how that affects you, but it makes me want to shout and cry at the same time. What Power, what Love, what Truth, what Grace, what a wonderful Father we have, and what a Savior we serve.

We need your help. We are not supported by any mega-church. In fact, most churches don't give a gift when they order tracts. There are a few sweet fellowships that do help this ministry as they use the tracts in their outreach programs, and we thank the Lord for them and every other worker in the harvest field. We are not operating under any grant money. No denomination underwrites our expenses. We are **SOLELY** supported by the gifts of God's children. Since January 2, 2014, we have reduced our overhead in every possible way that we could think of, so that we could continue to print and ship gospel tracts without charging a price like everyone else does who is not receiving corporate underwriting. We have cut phone lines and service, reduced staff, made reductions in shipping costs, reduced employee benefits, reduced utilities, started doing our own in-house artwork, layout, and composing, etc. Our staff has helped by learning and doing something new to them, they are getting great deals in buying paper, inks, envelopes, and all supplies. We pulled everything from outside vendors in-house to reduce costs. All of these changes have allowed us to continue to send out the gospel, ship Bibles into prisons, and support the mission field. But now we need you. This past fall, winter, and spring seasons have been extremely hard on our nation, and the world. There are so many needs, so many hurting families, entire towns devastated by fires, floods, blizzards, tornadoes, and crime. As our web page has become more active, which we thank and praise God for, the needs and expenses for gospel tracts are exceeding our resources. It seems that the more we need to accomplish, the more our support drops. We have reduced our work week in an effort to get ahead of the decline in offerings and mail response. We are not pulling back on sending out the Word of our Lord, we are looking for ways to do it better. We are striving to

reach more people, more languages, more souls, but we need your help, today. We are not going to stop. We are looking to and trusting the Lord, for He is our banner. We will stand tall for Him. As our nation turns toward legalizing drugs and immoral acts, as they plan to take away our rights, free speech, and privileges as Christians, we must, we will stand. We need for you to stand with us today.

HAITI UPDATE FROM TOM

It's been over a year and a half since my last trip to Haiti to visit pastors, the children and Mrs. Resmar at our orphanage in Les Cayes, or more specifically—Bois Landry.



My brother Phillip asked me to share some details from my trip to Haiti this month.

It was good to renew my acquaintances with Haitian friends I have made over the decades as they treat me as a brother and friend, and it was good finally to see the children. They are healthy and show the year's growth, but there are more than I remember. *"I don't remember some of these children Mrs. Resmar,"* I commented, then she replied with great pride as though the children were actually hers: *"I've had these four since two months ago,"* she replied. *"The government social agent came to me with the story that they found these children in the mountains just living off the land. They said that three months earlier, their mother left them and never came back,"* she added. They said that there would be no government help, but also that no one else could take them—if she couldn't. The heart of Marlene Resmar, widowed nearly 20 yrs. ago, just enlarged enough to love and nurture four more children bringing the total of dinner plates to 32. These four came barely with the clothes on their backs and only their first name, no ages, birth-dates, and no birth certificates.



As we talked, the last teacher was leaving the school. As he handed her the daily school re-port and she told me that she hasn't been able to give the teachers anything for the last two months, because many parents were unable to make their tuition payments. The teachers, seeing Marlene's life of sacrifice, continue teaching without pay,

as part of their contribution to the work. What a blessing it was to be able to help her catch up on their back pay. Thanks to your support of love, we have been able to continue feeding these children with this wonderful outreach. We are also preparing to work on their dormitory. As thankful as we are to minister to these needy, there is so much more to be done here. The orphanage needs to be fenced to protect the children at night. We would like to provide a few extras things like musical instruments and instruction. There is no doubt that the Lord will provide when these things are needed. For now, we need to see the children's house completed. Prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do give to help meet this need in Haiti.

Gratefully in Christ,
Tom Buttram

We are so very thankful for every tract that is handed out by every worker in the Harvest Field, for every Bible that is read in jail cells, and for every glass of water given in the name of Jesus. Hopefully, we can share some of the wonderful testimonies of souls finding Jesus because 'someone' loved them enough to give them the Word of God in printed form. We thank and praise our Lord and Savior that we can be used as His vessel in ministering to His mission field. We are of this world, but it is not our home. The battle that we fight is truly a spiritual battle. The battlefield is all around us and the enemy will come at us from every direction. We must, we will stand together, strong and tall, for the Lord.

All three of the enclosed tracts deal with fighting a battle. For Louis Zamperini, it was not only a spiritual battle, it was also a battle for life. Louis was not only a Hero, but he was a saint that spent the rest of his life promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.



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OVERCOMING THE ACCUSER

Just as Louis had to overcome his accuser, we have to overcome our accuser. Louis found that the Grace of our Lord overcame his hatred for his captors. We have that same Grace to overcome our 'Accuser' using the Name of Jesus.

It doesn't matter where we stand and fight to hold our ground from being trampled by our enemy, we stand as one body in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for standing with us with your prayers and support. May my Father's Hand protect and keep you safe until we meet again.

In the Matchless, Wonderful, Powerful name of Jesus,

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