

# Rolling Stone

## ministries

*"An angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it... And the angel...said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who as been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen just as He said.'" Matthew 28:2, 5-6*

Newsletter

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## India & Kenya Update

### India



Last year's mission to India involved us teaching, preaching, and leading seminars at the Hindustan Bible Institute in Chennai (Madras) in southeast India. This year we will be in Delhi, the capital of India, and Jaipur, a large city about 200 miles southwest of Delhi in the state of Rajasthan, which borders Pakistan. We leave for India February 14, and return March 3.

In Delhi we will be meeting with and speaking to the Christian Legal Association, and will discuss the attack on marriage, religious freedom, and how the law can be used as a tool of ministry. In Jaipur we will be presenting seminars to two different groups of pastors and their wives. John will teach two training sessions, two days each, to groups of pastors. Laurie will also teach two training sessions, two days each, to the pastors'

wives. These pastors come from all over central and northern India, and it is a sacrifice for them to come and attend the seminars. We feel humbled and honored to be talking to them about such issues as biblical leadership, and how to understand, defend and proclaim our faith with boldness. Please pray for our India mission, for fruit from the labor, open doors of opportunity, and traveling mercies.



### Africa

As you may already know, Africa has become our second home. In April, Lord willing, we will visit Kenya for the fourth time, teaching and encouraging the saints. We will be gone from April 1 until around April 24. Our core responsibility is teaching 30 pastors for two weeks at Manna Bible Institute outside Nairobi. In addition we will be speaking at a pastor's seminar, doing a live radio broadcast, preaching in churches, and visiting orphanages and inner-city ministries.



This trip has two unexpected blessings: First, we plan to have two young Christian men accompany us. One, Andrew Krueger, is a skilled videographer, and will be filming our experiences in Africa. His cousin, Ryan Caldwell, will be assisting Andy. Pray for them, that they will raise the support necessary to join us, and that not only will the Lord use their efforts to impact the lives of Kenyans, but will also use this mission trip to change their lives.

The second blessing is a planned meeting with the former President of Kenya, Daniel Arap Moi. President Moi was the president of Kenya for 24 years, serving until 2002. He is also interested in starting a law program at the university he founded, and a meeting is being planned for us to discuss this with him. We welcome your prayers for our April mission to Kenya.

*John*

# Marriage Update “Talking to God”



## A word From Laurie

Here in California voters twice approved defining marriage as between a man and a woman. The second time the definition was placed in the State Constitution, beyond the reach of the State Supreme Court. Back in May of 2009 same-sex marriage activists, fueled by Hollywood money, launched a challenge in federal court, claiming that California's marriage law violates the *Federal* Constitution. As I write, the trial over the constitutionality of California's marriage law (Proposition 8) is taking place in San Francisco. A single judge will decide whether the will of 7 million Californians who voted for Proposition 8 will be upheld. Either way, the case is almost certain to wind up before the United States Supreme Court. To date, 31 states have been allowed to vote on the definition of marriage, and all 31 have defined it as between a man and a woman. Five states currently allow same-sex marriage, and in each state same-sex marriage has been imposed by a court or by the legislature. The battle for marriage, which is symptomatic of the battle for the soul of our culture, continues to rage. Please stay informed, keep praying for those on the front lines of this battle, and let your voice be heard.

Earlier this month I had the privilege of speaking for two nights at my home church on the subject of Prayer. It was not an assignment I took lightly. Since “prayer” in its simplest explanation is us communicating with God, I “prayed” and asked God what I should teach on Prayer. The first week I was moved to teach What is Prayer, What Prayer is NOT, Why it is Important to Pray and Why People Don’t Pray. The second week I taught How to Pray, To Whom Should We Pray, How Often Should We Pray, Posture while Praying (no, there is no requirement), What We Should Pray About, Praying for Others, Personal Prayer and Corporate Prayer. Whew! Of course there is always so much more I want to say about talking to God.

A few months ago I read Francis Chan’s book *Crazy Love*. It was a book recommended to my sixteen year old daughter, Megan, this past summer when she attended a Christian Camp in Iowa. The first chapter caught my attention. It is called “Stop Praying.” *What?* Curious, and a little defensive at the start, I read on. By the end of the chapter I understood Francis’ point, which is too often we pray without taking the time first to know to whom we are speaking. Do we really *know* God? Do we understand the privilege of being able to have relationship with Him? Christ’s death on the cross built the bridge for us to have direct relationship with God the Father for those who believe. When Jesus taught us how to pray in Matthew 6, he begins with “Our Father, Who art in heaven...” He *knew* God and *knew* His relationship to the Father, intimately and personally.

God knocks at the door and waits for us to respond. We love Him because He first loved us. Are you responding to His call? Do you believe He loves you so much that He sent His Son to die for you so your sins would be forgiven and you could spend eternity with Him? Spend some time with Him right now. Talk to Him. He loves you.

## From the Treasurer’s Prospective

RSM was blessed this past year by your donations and your prayers to our Heavenly Father to enable the ministry to continue and expand their horizons. We want you all to know that your partnership in the ministry is vital to its continued success. We are thankful to you one and all.

Once again we received a generous gift of a Grant for 2010. That Grant will enable John and Laurie to make return trips to India and Kenya this year. They are currently firming up their plans for both trips. There is such a need in both places for the teaching, preaching and encouragement to those that are willing to listen to the “Good News” that is shared by John and Laurie. They are such humble servants and carry God’s banner high to the saved and unsaved. Their efforts are so well received and sought after by all they come into contact with. It would be great if the ministry donations would be enough to support them full time. Until that time comes they continue in their professional endeavors as attorneys.

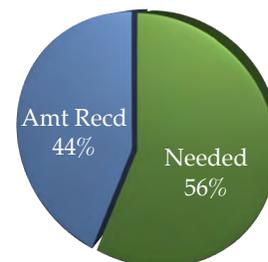
The total amount of gifts received in 2009 provided only 44% of the projected budget for 2009. We ask that you continue to pray with us to locate more grants to apply for this coming year. We do know that where the Lord leads He also provides.

Thank you once again and stay strong and encouraged in the Lord.

Fight On and Pray Continuously.

Dave Runnion

## 2009 Budget Report



# Events 2010

January-June ~ John teaches "The Cutting Edge" adult class Sundays 10:30 am at Covenant Pres. Church (CPC) in Orange, CA.

January 13 ~ Laurie teaches on Prayer at Kirk Night at CPC in Orange, CA.

January 16 ~ The Truth Project small group leader training at CPC in Orange, CA lead by California Family Council.

January 20 ~ Laurie teaches on Prayer at Kirk Night at CPC in Orange, CA.

February ~ John and Laurie travel to India for teaching mission.

April ~ John & Laurie travel to Kenya with a Video Mission Team (Andy Krueger and Ryan Caldwell) for their 4th teaching mission.

May 3 ~ John speaks at the spring banquet at Camp Berachah in Auburn, Washington.

May 5 ~ John speaks at CPC about their mission trips to India & Kenya.

June-August ~ writing sabbatical in Iowa



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*TEACH* biblical truth; *TRAIN* Christian leaders, church planters and evangelists; *DEFEND* the Christian faith intelligently; *STRENGTHEN* the faith of believers; *CONFRONT* secular attacks on the Christian faith; *ENGAGE* the culture with the truth of Scripture; *ADVOCATE* for religious freedom.

*RSM is involved with universities, Bible institutes, churches and conferences, providing leadership training, strategic planning, prayer and support. Also, RSM provides scholarship to key pastors and church leaders in their continuing training and education.*



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