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Dear Partner and Friends

Overseas Ministry

As you are reading this newsletter, Lisa and I are just beginning our overseas ministry in Scotland.

We are very grateful to you, our partners and friends, whose financial support has made you a partaker of all that the Lord is accomplishing through us, as together lives are being changed in Christ.

We are believing that while we are overseas, we are blessed with not only the financial provision for the trip but also the financial provision for the ministry in the US.

All expenses will be taken out of our ministry's general fund account. If you would like to donate toward these expenses, that can be accomplished through our website, by phone, or through the mail (checks made payable to CLPMI):

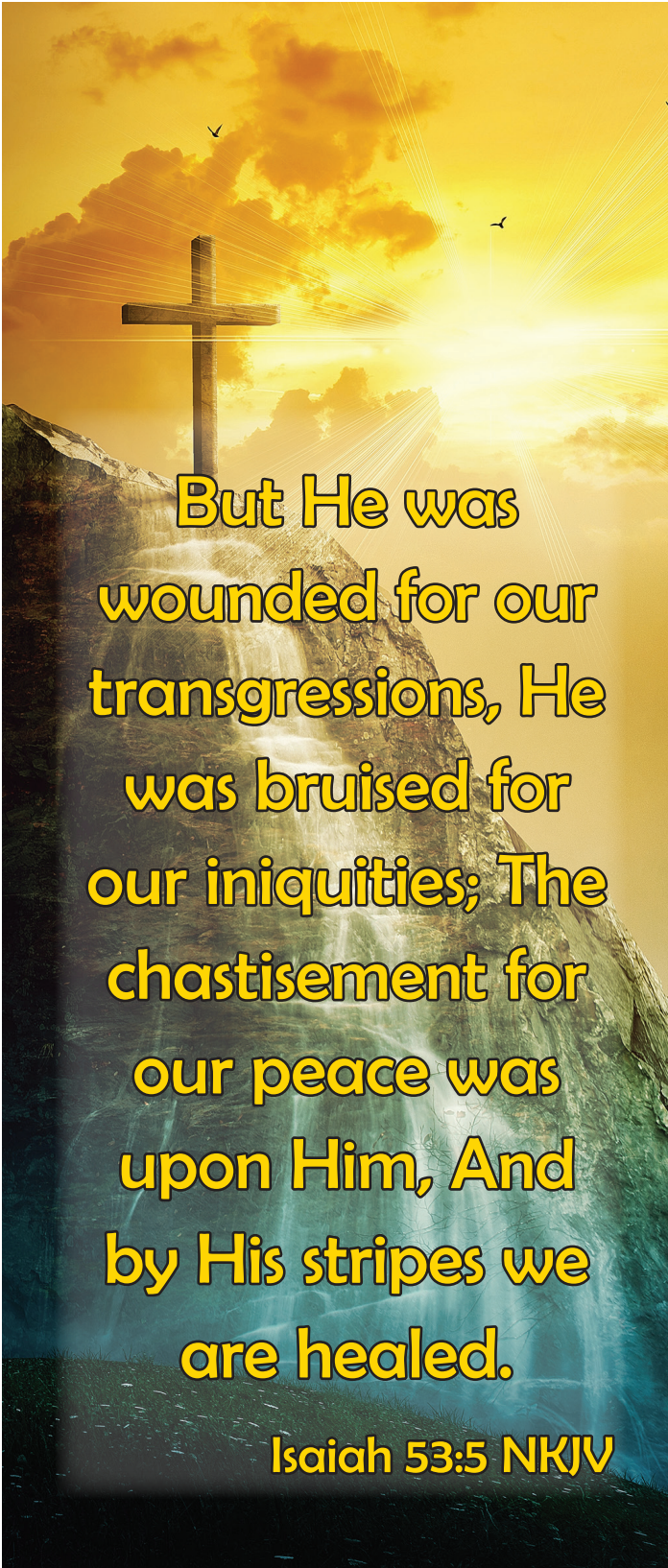
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But He was
wounded for our
transgressions, He
was bruised for
our iniquities; The
chastisement for
our peace was
upon Him, And
by His stripes we
are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 NKJV

Colorado Ministry Office

Here at the ministry in Colorado, we are believing for a used Toyota Tacoma or Tundra pickup truck for transporting things that are beyond what a car can handle. Several times, we have borrowed a truck when needed, and we now realize that having a truck is a beneficial tool for the ministry. Thank you for believing with us as we are open for a donated truck or for the finances to purchase one.

Devotional: Healing

Does God Work Through Doctors? No!

God has given us all things through Jesus Christ, and Jesus is our example of how we receive from God, our heavenly Father. In the area of healing, there is no example of Jesus sending someone to a doctor instead of praying for them Himself. The same is true with the disciples when they prayed for healing. In Luke 9, Jesus gave them authority and power for prayer. Jesus was the one who taught them how to pray, as they were His disciples.

Christians who say that this is the way God heals—through a doctor—are not basing their belief on the Word of God but on human opinion, having formed a judgment within their hearts.

Everything we receive from God comes through Jesus because of the cross. As Matthew 8:17 reminds us, Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses at the cross.

Can God Work Through Doctors? Yes!

God working through doctors is determined by the faith of the person believing.

This is not the way our heavenly Father has chosen primarily to work, but He will respond to faith in and from the heart of a believer. Some Christians have faith in their hearts that God is working through the doctor, and many Christians have unique testimonies of God's faithfulness. Some Christians have never learned how to receive healing through Jesus but do trust Him with faith in their hearts.

Some Christians, though, will say that they are trusting God to work through a doctor, but they are not. They are self-deceived, having unbelief in their hearts rooted in fear. They are trying to trust God but are not resolving the issues of fear within their hearts.

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

They are not successful in trying to trust God because they are in human self-effort, being carnally minded. They are not experiencing the help of the Holy Spirit in teaching them the Word of God and how to be spiritually minded.

Some Christians who are dealing with this kind of unbelief quote a part of Mark 9:24 in justifying the way that they are believing.



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Mark 9:24

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

Instead of going through the process of the Word of God working within their hearts and uprooting the fear, they will say, “Lord, I believe but help my unbelief.” They are asking the Lord to do *for* them what His Word tells *them* to do.

In Mark 9, Jesus could have healed the father’s son anytime He chose to. With wisdom, Jesus was ministering first to the father because of the serious issues of unbelief within his heart. After the son was healed, this kind of unbelief in the father’s heart could have

negatively influenced the son’s heart beliefs, especially as the father-son relationship was very close in this culture.

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God’s richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your hearts and have open hearts to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Love and blessings,

Cecil + Lisa



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