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"...I will give this land."

This is the promise that God gave to Abram (Abraham) and his descendants. But, following the events of April 10th, 2023 when there was a very serious shooting that took place directly next door to the CEF of Greater Huntington Ministry Center we began holding onto this promise as well. As we immediately began seeking the Lord as to how we should respond, the Lord made it clear through His Word that we were to stay at our current location.

The Lord directed us to John 1: 4-5 that says, "In Him (Jesus) was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." The free gift of salvation that Jesus provides us is THE light of men, and that light drives out ALL darkness. The

Lord planted CEF of Greater Huntington in the West End of Huntington many years ago to bring the Light of the Gospel to the Tri-State area. We are needed here more now than maybe ever before, and the light is never meant to flee. The light is meant to drive out the darkness. So, we stay planted where we are.

So, we spent the next 7 months praying for the Lord to be with the people next door and for all of the people that would come and go, and that the Lord would use us in some way to bring them the light. In November of 2023 we received notification from the City of Huntington that the property was going before the Unsafe Building Commission Board, and they requested a representation from our Ministry to be there to speak, and so we did. That Board

voted immediately to condemn the property and marked it to be cleared with priority.

For the next 4 months, through the winter, we continued to pray for the Lord's will to be done. Then in March, during Holy Week, the property was completely cleared all the way to the ground clearing the entire lot. This was two weeks shy of exactly 1 year since the shooting took place. The light drives out the darkness.

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Prayer and Praise

Pray that the Lord raises up new Local Committee Members!

Praise the Lord for steps being taken to see a new Local Committee Member join!

Pray that the Lord gives clear guidance and direction on how the property next door is to be used for His Kingdom!

Praise the Lord for the 6 CYIA Summer Missionaries that served faithfully this year!

Pray that the Lord would open doors for new GNC's to begin this school year!

Praise the Lord for the possibility of seeing the West Hamlin Elementary GNC re-start this year for the first time since 2020!

Bring the Wall Down

Human beings have always been preoccupied with building walls. In the first century, the Roman emperor Hadrian built a 75-mile wall across Roman Britain. In the 1870s, Argentina built a line of trenches and watchtowers called the Zanja de Alsina to protect Buenos Aires from invasion by indigenous peoples. The Berlin Wall went up in 1961, dividing East from West for almost 30 years. In 1975, South Africa built a 3,500-volt electric fence dubbed the Snake of Fire to keep the civil war in Mozambique from spilling over into the frontier. In the middle of the night in August 2006, Italian officials constructed a steel wall around Via Anelli, a run-down neighborhood known for drug trafficking and prostitution.

Walls don't just divide us. They make us ill. After the Berlin Wall went up, East German psychiatrists observed that the Berlin Wall caused mental illness, rage, dejection, and addiction. The closer to the physical wall people lived, the more acute their disorders. The only cure for "Wall Disease" was to bring the Wall down. We do the same thing with the walls of the church. We have a tendency to build unnecessary walls that turn people off and keeps people from experiencing God's grace.

Luke 5: 12-16 says, "While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if

you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray."

There were people screaming things like "Jesus you'll be unclean!" But Jesus touches and heals. He doesn't become unclean, He heals! He could do what the law could not! He is the One that could do things that a Priest couldn't. When you bring people to Jesus through evangelism, you need to know that He knows what to do with them. They will be bringing things to the table that they feel are so unclean that no one can cleanse them. Yet, Jesus reaches out and touches them, not being made unclean, but making them clean.

Hebrews 13: 8-13 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest

as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So, Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore, let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured."

Jesus is willing to go outside the camp to meet the unclean to bear their reproach. Have you been going outside of the camp to reach the unclean, defiled, and diseased for Christ's sake? If not, are you willing? Partnering with CEF to get involved in a Good News Club is a very easy way to do so.

Going Out!

Nathan and Erin Sayre

Ministry Schedule

August 17th: Annual GNC/JYC Training Day

August 24th: Annual GNC/JYC Training Day

September 6th-8th: CEF State Prayer Summit

September 14th: Annual GNC/JYC Training Day

September 28th: West Hamlin GNC Training

Sept. - Nov.: TCE Level 2 Online Course

November 6th: CEF World Day of Prayer

December: Christmas Party Clubs

"...I will give this land." ...Continued

Now, the question is asked, "What do we do now?" Again, we sought the Lord's guidance. The Lord again led us to His Word and His promise to Abram. In Genesis He said "...I will give this land." For the next 3 months we prayed that the Lord would provide a way for us to gain the property to truly be able to claim it to be used for His Kingdom. The light drives out the darkness.

At the end of May we were in contact with the City of Huntington again and learned that the property would be going up for auction on June 6th. Members of our Local Chapter

Committee went to represent our Ministry in the hopes that the Lord would allow us to purchase the property at a low price that we could afford. There were no other bids against us, and the Lord allowed us to win the auction for less than \$2000. "...I will give this land."

As of this writing, that is where we stand. But the same question applies, "What do we do now?" We are again seeking the Lord. We do truly want to use this property that was once so full of darkness, and use it to bring the light of the Gospel to children and their families in this area. So, to make that happen we

request your help. PLEASE be praying for the Lord's guidance. If you have suggestions on what we might be able to do with the property please let us know. If you would like to make a tax exempt financial contribution to help offset the cost of the purchase of the property, and to help us begin to set aside funds for future expansion on the property please **make checks payable to CEF and put "Property" in the memo line and mail them to CEF at 1249 Madison Ave. Huntington, WV 25704.**

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