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June 2016 Newsletter - "...Trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified" (Isa. 61:3).

How Nations Become Great

"How are chinquapin oak trees propagated?" Our daughter's horticulture homework taught that many trees, besides growing from seeds, can also spring from grafts and cuttings. Not so the Word of God. New life always comes from divine seed, sowed with painstaking patience (Luke 8:11-15). "He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:6).

For many years, God's Word was profusely planted in children's hearts. Deep-rooted biblical literacy was the birthright of children across the United States. Psalm 23, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments—children knew all these, but the roots went much deeper. The Founding Fathers of the United States spoke and wrote the language of the King James Bible with staggering ease and range. In a cabinet meeting, Lincoln once made his point by quoting an obscure verse in Judges.

Franklin spoke of borrowing money from the French using the Gibeonites in Joshua 9 as a metaphor (Kidd). Twain's Hannibal had a Sunday School contest aiming at 1000 verses! These biblical roots were the offshoot of countless patient parental hours imparting and implanting the roots of true godliness, knowledge and wisdom by the seed of God's Word.



Today, society rips out those roots with violence and vigor. High-handed decisions descending from courts lower and Supreme explode in the public square. When strong hands rip a long, deep root from the ground, the dirt flies. A public school teacher friend in Richardson, Texas, recently admitted that he felt muzzled from speaking truth to students "devoid of Christian culture." America finds itself slouching towards Europe's Gomorrah, where too many churches become mosques, museums, and malls.

So how should we respond? How should we then live, when society aims to exterminate the planting and fruit of godly generations past? We have a choice. We can mourn and moan about what is lost or we can replant. Some of those tears are appropriate in the twilight of a great civilization, but crying won't replant the precious seed. Our bounding Springer Spaniel recently uprooted (and ate) all the flourishing green pepper and corn plants in the backyard garden. We can call him "bad dog" and grieve the loss — or we can replant.

Ministries like Awana, Navigators, Bible Bee, ScriptureTyper, RememberMe, Memverse, Word in the Family, Wordsowers International, SMF, and many more must pray for divine strength and resources to engage the mammoth task of planting God's Word in vast unreached fields of this generation. "Rise up O men of God!

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How Nations Become Great—Continued

The church for you doth wait. Her strength unequal to her task; In Christ our strength is great.”

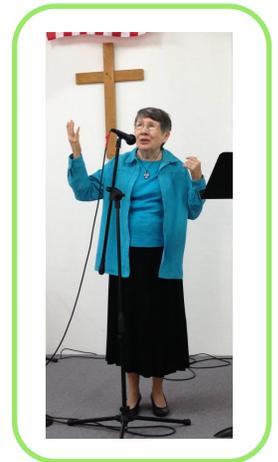
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SMF has focused on the homeschool community for the last 25 years; may Christ use them in reaching the remaining 96% of American children at public and private schools. We must find ways to plant God’s Word in their lives as well. You can help. Pray. Give (we’re about to give away \$10,000 of camp scholarships!). Plant. What children in your neighborhood, church, or family can you reach? Use our app, use our books and CD’s, or use something else, but by all means plant the Word! Implanted in hearts, it “is able to save your souls” (James 1:21)! The evil one zealously “takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved” (Luke 8:12). Make it your business to counter his work by planting deep and wide. Knowing Jesus Christ through His Word — only that will make America, or any other nation, great again.

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Recitation from an El Paso Scriptorium

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- Kathy Gomez, China Spring, TX

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Ministry Update

Thank you for praying for us! The simple fact is, God answers! “I sought the LORD, and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears” (Psa. 34:4). We thank God for safety and blessing in travel, for the completed iPhone app, for carrying our board president Dr. Gilbert Braithwaite safely through heart surgery, and for several new church memory groups. Please pray for unpaid bills totaling a little over \$8,000.

Much grace to each of you,

Jim Woychuk



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