



The most popular soft drink in the world is Coca-Cola. It was developed by a pharmacist, Dr. John Pemberton in Atlanta, Georgia. He created it as a tonic to make you feel better for whatever ails you. He served the first glass of Coca-Cola in his pharmacy in 1886. His bookkeeper, Frank Robinson gave it the name, and also penned the flowing script that became the Coca-Cola trademark. The doctor sold Coca-Cola in 1892 for \$2300.00.

Coca-Cola's annual revenue as of September 30, 2022, was an excess of 42 billion dollars, with 1.9 billion cans of Coca-Cola served daily worldwide! That's a lot of Coke! Why am I writing about Coca-Cola? Yes, there is a spiritual application! How did Coca-Cola spread around the world the way it did? Simply put, one person telling another person how good Coca-Cola tastes. Elsie and I have been in some very remote villages in Africa and we have yet to discover a place where we couldn't get a bottle of Coca-Cola.

The same holds true for the gospel of Jesus Christ. When a person experiences the new birth, they want others to experience what they've experienced. When they share their story with a friend or coworker the excitement of the new life in Jesus Christ creates a desire to experience what they have. I had to think of the verse, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him". Psalm 34:8, NIV.

We live in a broken world in desperate need of Jesus. There really is a heaven, and there really is a hell. Jesus himself spoke of the realities of hell. The Greek word, Gehenna, is used 12 times in the NT and is translated as hell. It is the illustration that Jesus used of the valley of Hinnom, a place outside Jerusalem where rubbish and debris burned continually. It's also the place where the dead bodies of criminals were disposed of and you can image the stench from burning rotten bodies. It's the place Jesus used to describe hell.

Failing to repent of our sins and embracing Jesus as our Lord and Savior destinies us to hell. The need is urgent. The time is now. Many in America believe that somehow they'll end up in a "better place" when they die. Apart from Jesus Christ they will spend eternity separated from our loving Heavenly Father.

In 2023 I want to give more attention to evangelism and the reality of heaven and hell. "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field". Matthew 9:36-38, NIV.

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Three and Four Generations of Ministry

Last December at the North Florida Prison Crusade Lester Miller, Willy Slabaugh, and I were talking and discovered we're related. My Grandfather DJ Stutzman's sister Sarah is the Grandmother of Lester, and his brother Eli Stutzman is the Great Grandfather of Willy. That was a special time of reflecting on our rich family history of ministry and now all these years later we were serving together at the prison crusade. Lester teaches the Bondage to Freedom seminars in prison, Willy serves as evangelist and also does the Bondage to Freedom seminars and I serve as evangelist. I'm very grateful for my spiritual heritage. When my Great Grandfather was on his deathbed he said, "I see the New Jerusalem and I'm satisfied." I'm blessed.

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Africa Update

Sometimes people ask us, when are you going back to Africa? The answer, I'm not sure. Seasons of ministry change and while we have many good friends there we've been feeling we may be serving better by increasing the Bible distribution we have been doing. There are always various teams going from our area that can take Bibles along and give them to our contacts.

With that being said, Paul and Cindy Mullet from Grace Church in Berlin just returned from Kenya. Paul sent me these photos along with the captions.

Thanks to Philip Stutzman, from Souls4Him, each pastor received a new Life Application Study Bible. Thank you for blessing the pastors with this. They were overjoyed.



This is Pastor Eugene. He works in Kakamu. This is a very harsh and difficult community where it is very hot and dry. He ministers to youth and children, leading many to Jesus



This is Pastor Eliud. He ministers in Garissa, a dangerous area that is heavily influenced by Muslims. He is leading many Muslims to Jesus.



This is Pastor Beatrice. Her husband, who was a pastor, was murdered many years ago, but she continues to work in the ministry and was very happy to receive a Bible



This is Pastor Joshua. He works in Kasiluni, a very remote area that has been heavily impacted by famine and drought. He walks about 30-40 miles each week to conduct services and visit church members.



At the end of our pastors conference, we presented Bibles to more than 50 pastors. They were all very grateful and appreciated it so much. We could see the joy on their faces.



To conclude our pastors conference, we had communion. This is Pastor Obadiah reading the communion scripture from his brand new Bible. It was so special.

Points for Prayer

- February 12..... Bethel Mennonite, ordination, IN
- February 20-23.....CMC Pastors Conference, OH
- March 16-19.....Light of Hope Prison Crusade, PA
- March 22- April 2.....visit our granddaughter, CO
- April 5-25..... hosting Rev Peter Kamau from Kenya and visiting churches.



We have a Souls4Him page on FB or you can follow me on FB and Instagram under Philip Stutzman. Many have told me how they follow me as a "silent" follower and can keep up with what we are doing.

WHO WE ARE

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