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HEADLINE NEWS: IN SEASON AND OUT

For students, teachers, and parents of students there seems to be two main seasons; school-year and summer. For many other American adults (especially men) the two seasons are football and out of football season the rest of the year. For many Canadians it would more likely be Hockey season and out of Hockey season. Then of course there are always the 4 main weather seasons. But no matter what the season-situation, the Bible (and thus God) tells us to always **be ready** (or urgent in some translations of 2 Tim.4:2) **to** preach (publicly proclaim or personally present) the Word (with the main focus on the Gospel), whether in-season or out of season. There is no time to waste, for, as Mark's Gospel commands, we are to be about preaching the Gospel to everyone everywhere in the world. So, for OAC, "out of season" just means another kind of OUT-reach season. Our evangelists were super busy all summer doing Gospel proclaiming outreach at many summer camps and coastal beach-boardwalks on both East & West coasts, and at VBS-es, and in downtown marketplaces in major cities, and in Churches, etc. etc.!!!

Renae and I started the summer doing a special Memorial Day, town-event outreach, and ended it by doing a Labor Day parade outreach, giving out the Gospel in the form of tracts by the hundreds, and delivering the Gospel to thousands of homes/families

That adds up to giving out the Gospel for over 12,800+ people around here so far this year. May the Lord bring in a Great harvest of souls from all these seeds (Mark 4:26-29).

in-between.



Now that school is back in season, our evangelists are going into many public elementary and High schools doing Bible clubs, and onto many University campuses of so-called "higher" education, creatively getting students attention to talk to them about the highest form of knowledge and wisdom (the Word of God!)!

Renae & I are helping reach kids in Kids Church and a Public elementary school Good News Club this Fall!



Also, no matter what the season, much of my time is spent being what I have dubbed as "the King of clicks." I click that computer mouse about a thousand times a day, taking care of inputting, receipting, book-keeping, banking, newsletters, and etc. etc. for our staff & mission. I gladly serve to help other OAC Gospel warriors get their monthly support allowance so they can feed themselves and their families (and pay the bills & ministry expenses) to be able to keep going in-season & out, serving the Lord and His Kingdom cause themselves! I feel this is such a grace-privilege, as I am literally tasked with doing exactly what Jesus just said in Luke 12:42-43! Further flabbergasting is His encouragement about it: "It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions." WOW!!! What a privilege and incentive I have to keep on clicking on, serving these tremendous servant-soldiers of Christ our King!!

October grants four different opportunities for Old St Mick (Old St Nick's brother, in Christ) to ride again, helping out with two area Halloween Parades and two nearby towns Trick or Treating times. I get to wish hundreds of kids, parents, and youth a "Ho-Ho-Ho Happy Halloween" along with a Treat & Truth (good Halloween Gospel Tracts for kids, and some for youth & parents). I wrote my own Halloween tract for adults explaining the history of where Halloween came from. The name means the Hallowed Evening before all Saints Day, so it is quite appropriate to go as Old St Mick/Nick giving out the Gospel that has the power to turn sinful people into saints. Also, as my tract points out, the medieval Church Holy Day was to replace the ancient "Day of the Dead" pagan festival, which traces all the way back to the biblical flood of Noah's day when everyone died except Noah's family, which ties biblically into the Gospel in several ways. Our town of Bangor, as well as nearby Nazareth just did their annual Halloween parades, which allowed me to give out the Gospel to some 1000 kids and parents in our area – what an opportunity to counteract the darkness of modern Halloween with the Gospel light!



Of course a very important season we are in right now in the USA is an existentially critical election season. So, once again, we just take this as another kind of Gospel outreach season. As such I wrote a patriotic type election-season tract about the importance of voting, in general, but then springboarding from that to how, MOST importantly, we need to vote for the Lord Jesus Christ to be the ultimate leader-King-Savior of our personal lives. Here is the cover of that tract (which inside shares the Gospel message):



WHO WE AMERICANS REALLY NEED TO LEAD US!

BEING A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE, HAS GIVEN US THE GREATEST COUNTRY ON EARTH! BUT THAT CAN ONLY CONTINUE IF A BIG MAJORITY CONTINUE TO VOTE IN GOOD LIBERTY-LOVING SERVANT-LEADERS FOR THE COUNTRY. BUT THAT ALSO REQUIRES THAT MOST AMERICANS CHOOSE THE RIGHT ULTIMATE LEADER FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL LIFE - WHO???

WHAT WAS AMERICA'S SECRET TO SUCCESS?!?

The original Pilgrims dedicated this land to the God of the Bible as soon as they landed. Their patriot posterity (America's founding fathers) in our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, proclaimed their faith that as humans we are "endowed by our Creator" with human rights of "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Also they appealed "to the Supreme Judge of the Universe" in making such a declaration, and "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" (i.e., God's help), which was certainly evident in the outcome of the subsequent American Revolutionary War to throw off tyranny. The American Constitution was signed by such founders only after recognizing that the date was 1787 in the year of OUR LORD (a reference to the Divine Kingship of Jesus over all Nations). George Washington told his troops at Valley Forge that though it was great for them to be such brave, sacrificial patriots, it was even more important for them to be good Christians. Thomas Jefferson established and endowed the American Bible Society to print Bibles so every American family and school could have and learn the book that was so foundational to our freedoms and ultimate well-being as a Nation and as individuals, Abraham Lincoln, in his most famous speech, in reference to the fight to abolish slavery, declared that this was "a nation under God," which had been formed based on the declaration that all men are created equal (based on the Bible of God, and the Creator-God of the Bible). Also, after experiencing God's hand of help in WW2, President Eisenhower, along with an act of Congress, signed into law that our official Pledge of Allegiance would declare that we are "one Nation under God," and our official National Motto is "IN GOD WE TRUST!" Finally, President Reagan, prompted by a joint resolution of Congress, proclaimed 1983 as "THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE!" The law declared that the Bible "has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people" and that, quoting President Andrew Jackson, the Bible is "the rock on which our Republic rests". The bill also acknowledged a "national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures." Thus Pres. Reagan asked,"Can we resolve to teach, learn and try to heed the greatest message ever written, God's Word, the Holy Bible? Inside its pages lie all the answers to all the problems that man has ever known."

So, as an American, please consider these 4 main Bible truths that are necessary for you to experience God's leadership and ultimate blessings for your life, and so you can be part of the reason for God to keep blessing America! BTW, "LIVING THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS" is still available in paperback and eBook/Kindle download versions at:

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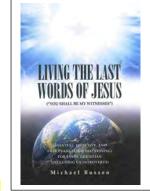
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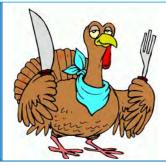
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Perhaps the most important season of the year is this THANKSGIVING season, which really should always be in season, year-round, when it concerns giving the Lord all the gratitude He deserves.

Nonetheless in this special Thanksgiving season, between Canada in Oct., and the USA in Nov., we count you all twice, and are doubly thankful to the Lord, and to YOU, for the blessings you are to us!!! Many Autumn blessings back your way we pray!





Interestingly the Canadian side of our fam usually comes down to celebrate with us in the USA for Oct Canadian Thanksgiving. Then we usually go to Canada to celebrate the American Thanksgiving and the start of Christmas season. All of which is another great season for getting the Gospel out, with my Gospel according to Turkeys object lesson – "Are you Thankful (to God) or are you a Turkey?!?"

Still Going with the Gospel for the Lord, and the lost, Mike & Renae

FOR THOSE WHOM GOD IS LEADING TO PARTNER WITH US IN HELPING US KEEP THE BILLS PAID, SO WE CAN KEEP GOING WITH OAC AND THE GOSPEL, THANK YOU SO MUCH - YOU ARE MUCH NEEDED & APPRECIATED!! PLEASE SEND FUNDS WRITTEN OUT TO "OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS," AS A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE SUPPORT DONATION (with a note designating it as Bussen family support — even little amounts by many add up and are helpful, and are always very much appreciated):

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