

My friends, we are the vessels through whom God has chosen to share His light and love in the world. Let your light shine! Don't hide it under a bushel, lift it up high! But don't go around banging people on the head with your lamp, either! Just lovingly shine for Jesus, and they will be drawn to Him.



Sorting shoes – over 1800 pair given!

PREP (our Starkville youth outreach) is currently working toward an opportunity to share the Light of God in Atlanta May 25-29. In addition to seeing Six Flags, the Coca-Cola Museum, Falcons stadium, and the MLK, Jr. Park, they will be serving some of Atlanta's most needy folks. In preparation, they are conducting several fund raisers, including a Brunswick Stew dinner this month, and Shoe Drives in January and again in March. In the process, our young people are developing practical interpersonal and business skills and discovering how costly and rewarding it is to walk with Jesus.

What do I mean by costly and rewarding? Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23) The gift of the Way of salvation is free, but in order to walk with Jesus, we have to give up our selfish lives, and throw in our all to follow Him.



On February 20 in Nigeria, a number of Christians found out just how costly it can be when Boko Haram invaded their village, burning the police station, 2 churches, and a number of homes. The death toll is still to be determined, and hundreds fled to nearby hills for safety. We MUST be actively seeking to save the lost, to go into all the world and make disciples. Pray for the five new churches that were established in the Kwara Diocese this month by CWM and Methodist Church Nigeria. Their journey with Christ begins in tumultuous times.



My dear friend, Evangelist Jack Gray, used to say, "Watch your wattage when you're shining your light! You don't put stadium lights in a refrigerator; you'll melt the butter!" Yes, watch your wattage; be sensitive and winsome in your approach, but never be ashamed or reluctant to let your light shine. Shine like stars in the universe! This dark world is desperate for the light you give.*

God bless you!

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*Scripture references in this letter: John 14:1-6; Matthew 9:36; 1 John 1:5-10; Isaiah 50:10-11; Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14



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