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Make It Clear Ministries

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Aloha Nui Loa and Happy New Year in Jesus Christ!

Carol and I want to express to you how grateful we are to the Lord for all who pray for us and who support **Make it Clear Ministries!**

LOOKING BACK...



Make It Clear Radio

Our radio ministry in Hawaii and Texas has brought many responses from listeners. Here is the latest from a listener in Portland, OR who heard our program through the live streaming on KDRY in San Antonio:

Dear Pastor Stan,

Thank you for your messages- they are so well thought out. They are, well, clear. Today you spoke about your conversion experience and in it I heard the answer to a question I would pose after hearing a sermon...how do you do that? You answered that - it spoke to my soul. I also heard truths I would like my sister-in-law to hear because I think, I hope, it might encourage her because she has a medical condition that's left her without much muscle control and she is wheelchair bound. You know you are blessed with a gift of not only making the scriptures clear, but relevant for today's minds and clearing up stinking thinking.

I hope I haven't been long-winded, but clear in my comment and request. May God continue to bless your ministry with continued powerful impact. Blessings to you and Carol; and your church who allows you the time and opportunity to broadcast. - Vanessa

There is a strange "famine in the land" for sound biblical teaching with clarity. Strange because there is so much teaching and preaching via radio, TV, and the Internet, yet not communicated accurately or clearly.

The Word For You Today

We received more requests for our devotional in 2015 than any year since launching this resource. The one comment we hear most is, "each time I read that day's devotional thoughts, it is like it was written directly to me". It is very encouraging to have those incarcerated and those working in counseling ministries request multiple copies to

Helping people of the islands come to faith in Christ alone and grow on to become fully obedient worshippers of God!

distribute. This ministry is going into over a dozen countries through the efforts of missionaries and others. We are grateful the Lord is using this resource to bring people into a deeper relationship with the Lord and others!

Make It Clear Associates

We have two pastors involved in shepherding mission churches in Talent, OR and on the North Shore of Oahu. It is a blessing to hear how the Lord is growing His church!

International Church

While this past year has had its share of challenges, we are blessed to experience the work of God in us and through us. This has been a great year with people coming to faith in Christ, being baptized, and adding people to our faith family!

Now that the church has a healthy vision, equipped leaders, is financially strong, a safe and secure campus, a social media ministry with our website, Facebook, and YouTube for sermon broadcasts, people serving one another in love, a burden for our local and global communities, and knowledge of sound doctrine, Carol and I sensed our time here was coming to an end. So in July, Carol and I announced we would be transitioning to the mainland once the church has selected their next senior pastor. We have now helped them through this process and will remain to mentor Pastor Scott and Fiona Custer through the end of April 2016. It has been a wonderful experience for all of us. The church is in harmony and we are honored in ways far beyond what we deserve.

Florida Bible College

I have been working closely with **Florida Bible College** leading its launch teams. This year has been a very special year in the development of its new beginning. It is easy to see the grace of God in many of the answers to prayers.

The Lord has given **Florida Bible College**:

- **Purpose:** An authentic commitment to preparing the next generation leaders in the context of God's grace to love Jesus Christ with all their hearts, minds, and strength lived out in loving others which is the foundation that will equip them to take the Gospel clearly and the Word of God correctly into every person's world.
- **Plan:** A Biblically sound statement of faith expressed in a superior educational curriculum that will prepare students and graduates to stand strong, live faithfully, and communicate God's truth compassionately and courageously in a post-modern world.
- **People:** Who desire to be filled with the fullness of God and are committed to the purpose and plan of **Florida Bible College** as they lead the school as trustees, academic advisors, curriculum developers, and supporters of this vision.
- **Place:** A church campus in Orlando, Florida filled with a faith-family who shares the same commitment to provide a training center academically and relationally that will enhance the learning and ministry equipping needs of our student body.

Florida Bible College now has:

- Classes that will begin August 29, 2016.
- A one-year Biblical Studies Certificate, two-year Associates in Biblical Studies degree, and a four-year Bachelors in Biblical Studies degree. There are seven concentrations or minors available for our students.
- A process in place to receive or forward transcripts upon request.
- A 20,000 plus library (we can always use more resources).

- The best and brightest Christian educators experienced and with advanced degrees in Bible College academics; who also love the Lord passionately and are committed to the doctrine and mission of **Florida Bible College**.
- An easy and confident way for people to partner with us in our purpose by praying, giving, and serving with us in the launch of **Florida Bible College!**

I have accepted the position of President of **Florida Bible College** and will begin in the summer of 2016. Carol and I will continue to be an active part of **Make It Clear Ministries** since it will still be our primary ministry and source for support while we help with the new beginning of **Florida Bible College**. If you would like to know more about the school, may I suggest you go to www.floridabiblecollege.com.

LOOKING FORWARD...



Make It Clear Radio

After expanding our radio ministry from Hawaii to Texas, the Lord has prompted a person to offer a gift that would be used to be a partial donation with a matching gift by others to add a radio station in Orlando, FL. If you would like to have the clarity of God's Word go forth in one of the larger "markets" as this, then you may make your gift to **Make It Clear Ministries** and designate it for "radio program expansion".

The Word For You Today

We will continue this ministry even after our move to Orlando. In fact, this New Year may be the year to increase the copies printed of this very helpful devotional. Pray for us to have wisdom in this decision.

Make It Clear Associates

Others are inquiring how to join the team and become **Make It Clear Associates**. We are honored to have others serve with us who are committed to planting new churches / ministries or bringing spiritual health to struggling ones!

Florida Bible College

In order to lead others we must serve others. In order to soar for the Lord we must stand for the Lord. Some of the many needed areas of prayer for **Florida Bible College** are...

- To expand the awareness of FBC locally in Florida, throughout the country, and beyond.
- To begin our first year with students who love the Lord completely, themselves correctly, and others compassionately...students who want to be grounded in sound doctrine and to be Biblically equipped as world influencers for Jesus Christ!
- To increase our Scholarship Fund by \$200,000.
- To add our on-line courses to our on-campus courses by 2017.

International Church

After graduating from Denver Seminary and serving on staff at Pulpit Rock Church in Colorado Springs, Scott Custer with his wife Fiona and family will begin here February 1, 2016 observing, listening, and learning as he eases into his new role as senior pastor. Scott is the son of our missionaries, Dougg and LeAnn Custer who serve with WorldVenture.

The church will celebrate 50 years of ministry with a **Jubilee Celebration** February 5 – 14. The theme of our Jubilee is: *Celebrating God's Faithfulness: Past, Present, and Future!* We have invited the founding pastor, Jim Cook, past members, friends, and missionaries of *International* to join us for this time of celebration. We will also be having a very special installation service for Scott. This means we would love to have **YOU** come and be with us.

When moving forward as a church it is never to be at the expense of abandoning the past, but actually building on its foundation. So adding to what the Lord is doing, we trust the Lord...

- To expand our Connection Groups to strategic parts of the island of Oahu.
- To expand our Worship Teams to multiple rotating groups.
- To replace those in leadership who are being transferred by the military to new locations.
- To take the message of the gospel clearly and correctly to others locally, globally, and cross-culturally!

Personal note from us:

There is much to do to prepare for our move later this spring...pack, sell our house in Honolulu, move, find housing in the Orlando area, unpack, and be ready for the students to arrive in late August. In addition, Carol and I want to finish well here.

We will end receiving a salary from the church in April and will begin living totally by faith thereafter. The Lord has always been faithful in supplying all our needs no matter where we live. And we trust Him to do so in this next season of our life. We have found it is true as it has been said, "Where God guides God provides and where God leads He feeds!"

Finally, Carol and I need to be prepared for my upcoming speaking and teaching schedule...

- ✓ IFCA (Independent Fundamental Churches of America) Conference in Michigan in late April.
- ✓ Pastors and Christian Leaders Conference in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia in June. Carol will be speaking to the women in break-out sessions at this major country-wide conference.
- ✓ Classes and chapel at FBC.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer and support as we seek to help unsaved people come to faith in Christ alone and to grow to become fully obedient worshippers of God!



**With all our fondest alohas in Christ!
Stan and Carol Ponz**

In keeping with ***Make It Clear Ministries'*** core value of not asking for money, we make known our needs to you **FOR PRAYER**. Our ministry expansions must be funded above our current budget. As special funds arrive they will be divide between the **Radio Broadcasts**, ***The Word for You Today*** devotional booklets, and our **global teaching ministries**. You may give by check, credit card, or by going to www.makeitclear.org and conveniently giving online. Thank you for your prayers and consideration in our specialized ministries!