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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; and his truth endureth to all generations Psalms 100:4-5

We Are So Thankful....

As this time of the year approaches it is a custom to stop and give "Thanks unto God" for His blessings. Although, I believe that everyday is a day of "Thanksgiving" unto the Lord. As for Suzan and myself, as I am sure that you are also, we are very thankful for all His blessings and His provision in every area of our lives.

In September, Suzan and I began a two-month trip ministering Identity in Christ seminars in Scotland, Ireland, and Russia. Scotland was the first stop on our trip and I found myself reflecting over God's goodness. Six years ago when I was traveling as an apprentice with a CBC mission team from Colorado Springs we made an unscheduled stop in Dumfries Scotland where God used Pastor John Donnelly to speak into my life. He told me that God said that my days of tears were over and from then on I would only have tears of joy. He said that I would



Pictured above: Mickey and Suzan Cartagena with Pastor John and Susan Donnelly.

become a pastor to pastors and would travel all over the world. It was at that point that I was finally able to let go of the past and move on. Suzan and I were married a year and a half later.

Now I find myself walking out the words that he spoke to me teaching people what God taught me. People everywhere are searching for something that will bring meaning to their lives. Since we have been married, we have traveled to North, South and Central America, India and now in Europe and we have found that the needs of the people are the same everywhere.

Mankind throughout the ages has been ruled by some kind of government and unfortunately for some it has not been at all pleasant. Along with the harsh government styles, Christians have had to endure persecutions from many different areas. In Scotland we were taken to a place by the ocean where the people known as the "covenanter's" were tied to a pole while the tide was out and then left to drown when the tide came in.



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In Ireland strong differences between the Catholics and the Protestants still keep them divided. In Russia we found that the strong rule of communism still has its lasting effects on many people.

They have been used and exploited. They have been taught that they have no value as an individual and unfortunately religion has often reinforced that.

The Pharisees made the kingdom about the things of the law. They laid heavy burdens upon the people that could not be lifted. **Matthew 23:4** They “shut up” the kingdom with their doctrine and no one was able to enter in.

Jesus said in **Mark 10:42-49** that the Gentiles that are in power exercise lordship over those that they rule. He said that in the kingdom of God, things are different.

But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. **Luke 22:26-27**

Jesus came to minister to us, and he sees us actually sitting in the “greater” position.

Jesus came to show mercy and compassion on people. He brought the

kingdom to the people. The kingdom of God is about loving people.

In John 15:12-17 Jesus tells us to love and serve others the way that he loves and serves us. Because of the way that governments and religion have treated people, most people do not know how much God loves them.

What a joy it has been to minister the love of God to the people in Scotland, Ireland, and Russia. As people are beginning to realize how much God loves them and how much God loves all people, they are reaching out to their own nations with a message that will draw people together rather than bring separation.

We have been teaching in churches, Bible study groups, and Charis Bible Colleges. There is not enough room in the newsletter to adequately cover our experiences with the people in all of these places. If you go to our website www.christianseekingidentity.com you will find a link that will connect you to our photo album section on our Facebook page where you can see these things in more detail.

Thank you for your faithful support which enables us to do what God has called us to do. We love and appreciate all of you.



Ministering at a church in Lahdenpohja Karelia near the border of Finland. The stage had a mural of their Lake Ladoga.



Mike and Carrie Picket are the directors of the CBC school in St. Petersburg Russia.



Memorial of the Covenanters in Scotland that reads the following:

On the hillside opposite John Hunter was shot by Douglas's Dragoons in 1685.

From our family to yours, we wish you a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving!

**Your friends,
Mickey & Suzan**



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