

**“By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe,
when she had received the spies with peace.” Hebrews 11:31 NKJV**



Friends: May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and yours in this new month of February 2023! Last February, we wrote about two women who had been prostitutes and had heard the good news and professed faith in Christ in Uganda—we called them Saadat and Susan (not their real names). Knowing that the Lord can wonderfully save and transform people as He did in the case of Rahab, the harlot, we were encouraged by friends with the local church to help these women and their children. The church said that these women were changed and truly desirous of living for Christ. So we began a year-long ministry with the church to assist them in spiritual encouragement and discipleship, housing, food, some medical help, and business training with a job startup. The ladies have thrived in the Lord’s care through us all and have now completed their residency term. The ladies attend special meetings for them, and regular church meetings—other missionaries in Uganda also worked with them. Susan is pictured in the top photo at left, while Saadat is pictured below her. We have hopes for these ladies that now they are able to continue living faithfully and honestly as Christians.



Susan wrote (as we received it from the church): Susan has two biological children and one adopted child; she spent most of her years in prostitution, and that became her only way of survival for many years, and that is how she supported her family despite the fact that they never knew what she was doing for a living. When she got saved, she became unemployed and as well accumulated 6 months of rent arrears which caused the owner of the house to send her away; feeding became difficult, and her children went through a lot of suffering because she didn’t have the money to support them. The support for rent and food has been more like a miracle to her life and family; her life has greatly improved, and she is very healthy now and living happily. She is no longer sickly as she used to be because of good feeding and less stress. She is so thankful to God for saving her and placing her in a church where she is able to grow in the Word of God; currently, she is involved in sharing the Gospel

with others. She is so thankful for the startup funds you gave them. She is in training for hairdressing and Tailoring; she is very hopeful that she will take care of herself and her family. Susan sends her sincere appreciation for the help.

And Saadat wrote (as we received it from the church): Saadat is a single mother with 3 children and a grandchild, she has been doing prostitution as a source of income, and that is how she was taking care of her family. When she got saved, she became unemployed because she stopped prostitution. Life got more difficult for her and her children; feeding and paying rent became a challenge; the landlady gave her a deadline to leave the house, and there was no way she could get any other job because she is not educated. The challenges caused her stress, and that made her sickly all the time. She is so thankful to God for bringing James Robinette into her life at the right time. The support for rent and monthly food has changed her life completely; she is healthy and strong and now able to take care of her children well. Saadat told me my appearance alone is clear evidence of the change in my life; she went on to tell me even my weight has now increased because of the help. Her life has become a testimony even where she is staying, and the former prostitutes always ask her the secret of the change in her life; her simple response to them always is Jesus is the secret. Her plan at the moment is to help other prostitutes know Jesus; she is engaging in sharing the Gospel and has seen many coming to faith. She is currently being trained in tailoring and hairdressing, and she is also doing a poultry project; she is very hopeful that she will be able to take care of her family and meet the rent needs. Saadat sends her appreciation to you and Mama Kappy for loving her and caring about her despite her bad history of prostitution.

We hope to help three more women with children this year in a similar way starting this month. Please pray for God’s grace, mercy, truth and love for the ladies. Thank you for your prayers and gifts to reach others for Jesus!

Jim travels to a non-designated country (for security reasons) for ministry this month; we appreciate your prayers that all will go well and that the Lord will save, build-up, and help the people. Pray for freedom to share God’s truth and for His purposes to be accomplished in this; pray for Kappy’s welfare while Jim is gone. Love and thanks to all!

KAPPY'S CORNER— Fake Snakes

Someone once said, "God never promised us an easy journey, just a safe arrival."

Three years ago, when we decided we would move to Florida, Jim began sharing stories of life on his grandparents' Florida farm. He was born not far from where we now live. His most vivid memories of early childhood were of hurricanes and snakes. Many times there were cottonmouths lying on the creek bank that his grandfather had killed. And once, people were coming from all over to see a dead diamondback rattlesnake just down the road that was big enough to have five full-grown rabbits inside it.

Not long after our big move, I went for a walk in our new neighborhood. As I walked past one garden, I stopped short. In every well-tended flower bed, I saw a snake. After a few moments, I realized those snakes were not moving and never would. They weren't real. They were obviously put there to scare something. I puzzled over this until one morning; the opportunity came to ask our neighbor, "Why the fake snakes?" She explained that when she and her husband had lived in the north, they had kept chickens. The chickens were notorious for pecking her plants to pieces. When she and her husband put the fake snakes in their gardens, the chickens wouldn't go near them. There are no chickens in our little community, but as it turns out, the tall, stately Sandhill Cranes that graze in the grass outside our windows are just as capable of pecking plants to pieces and just as chickens when it comes to fake snakes.

So, what are we afraid of? There are times when we have health issues. A good doctor may order certain tests to rule out one thing or another. After a test, we may have ample time to think before we receive the report. What do we think about it? "What if the test proves positive? How will it change my life? How will it change my marriage or other relationships?" We may look around our dwelling and plan how to rearrange the furniture to accommodate the new lifestyle or even think about the possibility of moving to another dwelling. I think you get my drift. Then, if the report turns out to be negative or rules out that possible problem, we breathe a huge sigh of relief and move on to the next test.

So what's true and what's false? The truth is God is good. Do we believe Him when He says He loves us with an everlasting love, that He will never leave us nor forsake us? Do we trust His ability and power to sustain us through *anything* that comes our way? Yes, there may be a test that reveals a serious health issue. What then? Will we still trust God's heart?

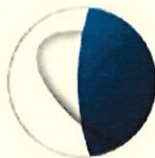
The love of Christ our Savior is beyond measure. May that love surround us and carry us through.

May our Lord bless you in His kindness,
love and thanks,

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