

May, 2017

Listen I hear my lover's voice. I know it's Him coming to me- leaping with joy over mountains, skipping over the hills that separate us, to come to me ...(Song of Songs 2:8)

Dear Stairway family,

As we travel we are so thrilled that wherever we go we find people that we a part of Gateway, Facebook friends or someone that we've met along the way. This makes all the traveling so gratifying! We love seeing you all! Keep it up!

As we've traveled around the country lately I keep hearing people say that they feel as though they're facing a 'dark night of the soul'. But I'm hearing the Lord say, "I'm coming to you leaping over your mountains. Now is your time to come with me. Put fear behind you, and enter into my love, my peace, my joy and my rest. For I'm coming to carry you out. Simply let go and let me! Let go of the struggle for I am coming to change your bitter waters into sweet. Your friend and lover is coming to you today and lifting you up and out!

The finished work of the cross has come and turns sweet all that's bitterness in our lives. The sweetness of His cross is stronger than the bitterness of abuse, pain, rejection, misunderstanding, or grief. There is honey for us and healing for our pain. Throughout our "dark night of the soul," we must hold to our hearts the cross of Christ like "a sachet of myrrh" (Song of Songs 1:13). The sufferings of Christ actually become a fragrant sweetness to a tender heart. And now His resurrection power is lifting you up and out!

The Lord is changing your bitter waters, the things that you're facing right now. For the overcoming Spirit of God is rising up within you now by the power of the cross and His resurrection. That bitter thing God is making good for you. And He will even make it sweet, like Samson's riddle. (Judges 14:14) "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet." Out of what the enemy tried to do to you the Lord is turning it all around and will use it in your life to bless you on the back end. And today He's lifting you up and walking you out of that place!

I just recently dreamed of twelve springs and seventy palms. When I awoke I knew that the Lord was speaking to me about Elim. (Exodus 15:27) "Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water." I see the Lord placing you by the water under the palm trees! He's taking you to that sweet spot in Him, that place of sweet rest and refreshment!

Twelve is the number of the months of the year. Seventy years is the minimum length of life the Lord has promised to us. (Psalm 90:10). God has as many palms for you as He has years and a spring for every month. (Psalm 92:12)The Father has fruitfulness planned for all the days of your life, in your youth and in your old age. And Jesus is the

never-failing stream that will cause your desert place to blossom like a rose as He overflows! I declare that He is restoring strength to you. You will flourish like a well-watered garden, and be like an ever-flowing, trustworthy spring of blessing (Isaiah 58:11).

"Who is this one! Look at her (you) now! She arises out of her desert clinging to her beloved!" (Song of Songs 8:5) You stand in victory above the rest, stately and secure! (Song of Songs 8:7)

This is your day to arise and shine. For He has called you to love! It's time to put all your excuses behind you. For with Him all things are possible and nothing is out of His reach. And His arm reaches out to take your hand and He's lifting you up and saying arise. It's time. It's time to turn from yesterday so that you can come away with your destiny. For your destiny is to love. For I have called you to radiate my glory and to change the world around you. And I have destined you with greatness as my resurrection power takes hold of you!

Refuse to look at your limitations any longer. This is your coming out party! You are called with purpose. You are called with a plan! You have everything you need! Just embrace it now! Embrace the resurrection power of the one who is in you & the one who completes you. For His love works in and through you. And His joy works in and through you! Who can resist the power of His love! Who can turn away from His goodness! This is your day my bride! He wants to show you off with your love so real and bold that it brings a lasting revolution! God has a dream and it's alive & living in you!

(Ephesians 1:19)

My prayer for you is that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of His immense power as it works through you!

LAST MONTH  
PASADENA

SoCal School of the Supernatural

Brian spoke to a large crowd who traveled as far as Washington, DC to hear him. He was pleasantly surprised at the large group of maybe 400 to 500 who turned out at Mott Auditorium. This was the Southern California School of the Supernatural so he was expecting maybe 100 people. His message was on "Mysteries" and he told me that the people were like sponges as the word went out. (I was unable to attend because of a mix-up with our airline tickets.)

TPT School

We finished the filming of the "Song of Songs" school in beautiful Pasadena. We had a full house with a chair in every possible corner without going over fire code and a waiting list of people wanting to get in!

The purpose of the school was to raise up teachers to take the message of the bride and the bridegrooms love to the ends of the earth. Our Passion Translation Team did a fantastic job! Even our administrative assistant flew out from CT to help us. What an amazing group! Thank you, thank you! Brian did a stellar job of teaching with jaw-dropping revelation and anointing. Hardly a dry eye in the end! What a weekend!

HRock

HRock was celebrating their 23rd year anniversary. What a wonderful morning of rejoicing and celebrating with them! They had a beautiful worship service and I had the opportunity to deliver a decree over them. Brian then followed with an uplifting message called "So Far So Good!", a message on faith & God's breakthrough in finances. Afterwards there was celebratory cake for everyone! Happy Anniversary HRock!

## MASSACHUSETTES

Christian Book Distributors in Boston

We spent the day with the Vice President of CBD, Rick Brown of Christian Book Distributors in Boston. First we took a tour of their massive facility. It's an amazing operation with over 500 employees. Afterwards we met with the staff, many of them customer service reps and those associated with their Bible department. They took an hour with us and Brian answered their questions about the Passion Translation. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize them with the translation so that they would be able to answer the questions of customers calling in.

Then we spent the afternoon with Rick and our publisher, Carlton Garlborg brainstorming about the possibilities for promoting the New Testament as it comes out along with several of our other books. Please be praying for it's release. The release date is October 31st this year!

## CONNECTICUT

West Haven

Friday night

Our meeting in West Haven was very nostalgic for us. Pastor James Levesque has started a Holy Spirit night for the region and meets in what once was our old building. We were not only in our old building, but many of our old friends that we go way back with showed up. What a special treat!

Brian's message was "Robed, Anointed and Gifted". He encouraged New England to not give up their calling for revival, but to continue to move forward in faith! We ended with an electric time of prayer! Holy Spirit moved throughout the crowd with prophecy and impartation. I love how He shows up!

Saturday

We spent the day with our children; our son and his fiancé and our granddaughter & grandson-in-law and great-granddaughters. It's always fun to be with our family!

New London- Sunday morning

It was so good to be at Engaging Heaven in New London again. Pastor James was away, but Pastor Debbie did a great job leading the team. Brian brought a message on "Moving on into Elim, The Place of Victory". He did an amazing job challenging New Englanders to keep going for it no matter what the circumstances might look like. Victory and refreshing can be found even in a wilderness.

## CALENDAR

### MAY

4-5 Phoenix, AZ, Women on the Frontline  
12-14 Oregon, Salem, Oregon Revival Center  
19-21 Canada, Toronto, Ontario, National Apostolic Conference  
28-31 Israel, Chinese church

### JUNE

2-4 Belfast, Ireland, Christian Fellowship Church  
11 Wichita, KS, New Life Covenant Church  
15-17 Natick, Mass, The Bridge Metrowest, Romans TPT School  
18 " " Sunday morning Worship  
21 Pasadena, CA, SoCal School of the Supernatural  
22-24 Pasadena, CA, TPT Bible, Intro to Revelation

### JULY

7-9 Charlotte, NC, The Gate,  
13-15 Redding, CA, The Eagles Nest  
14 Redding, CA, Bethel (evening)  
22 Wichita, KS, New Life (Dream Class)  
23 Wichita, KS, New Life  
27-30 Council Bluffs, IA

To get more info and to keep up with changes to our calendar please check our calendar at [stairwayministries.org](http://stairwayministries.org)

## PASSION TRANSLATION SCHOOLS

### School Schedule

Natick, MASS	Romans	June 15-17
Pasadena, CA	Intro to Revelation	June 22-24
Pasadena, CA	Revelation*	Oct. 5-7

\*You must have taken Intro to Revelation to attend this second class. Hopefully we will be able to offer it to you as an online downloadable class before October.

For more information and updates please check out our website at [www.tptbibleschool.com](http://www.tptbibleschool.com)

## PASSION TRANSLATION

The newest book we have out is "Prayers on Fire" written with our dear friend, co-author, Gretchen Muir. It's a lovely devotional praying through the Psalms. Soon to be published wYou'll love it! At the moment Brian is working on Isaiah. Once we get it done I will start revising His commentary on Isaiah. And The New Testament is finished! Whoohoo! Now for the editing and theological review. Please pray that it comes together quickly so that we can get it out by our

You can pre-order it here with a price guarantee. It's available in other colors if you don't like black:

[https://www.amazon.com/New-Testament-Black-Proverbs-Translation/dp/1424555299/ref=pd\\_cp\\_14\\_3?\\_encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=1424555299&pd\\_rd\\_r=ETPK7J60SGZW4564FZ5S&pd\\_rd\\_w=Uy0PZ&pd\\_rd\\_wg=taula&psc=1&refRID=ETPK7J60SGZW4564FZ5S](https://www.amazon.com/New-Testament-Black-Proverbs-Translation/dp/1424555299/ref=pd_cp_14_3?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=1424555299&pd_rd_r=ETPK7J60SGZW4564FZ5S&pd_rd_w=Uy0PZ&pd_rd_wg=taula&psc=1&refRID=ETPK7J60SGZW4564FZ5S)

It's such an exciting time for us! It looks like Bill Johnson will be doing his own version of the Bible using the TPT. It will contain his study notes and whatever else he wants to add to make it his flavor. Our publishers are also pursuing other Christian leaders to have them do the same. Please be praying for this project and those involved behind the scenes. They tell us that they're facing some spiritual warfare and covet our prayers!

## REFORMATION BIBLE

This next year, October 31st, 2017 leads us up to the celebration of 500th year of Reformation of the church, the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. It was a day that changed the church and the world forever. I believe we are on the precipice of another reformation of sorts and without realizing it we have been planning all along to roll out the completed Passion Translation New Testament on that very day. We are nick-naming our translation, the reformation Bible. We believe that it will truly be a great tool in this next great moving of God's Spirit in the earth which will affect many generations to come!

You can pick up your copies of The Passion Translation from our web site, [stairwayministries.org](http://stairwayministries.org). Please let all your friends know about it! And if you're one of our Aussie friends you can purchase all the books from Koorong and [amazon.com.au](http://amazon.com.au) and our Canadians friends can purchase them at [amazon.com.ca](http://amazon.com.ca).

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those who are behind the scenes putting the TPT together. They tell us that they're facing spiritual warfare and covet your prayers!
- Pray that the New Testament will come out on time. Due out Oct. 31st this year.
- Good health for us and our family.
- Brian's mother, who is in rehab after breaking her hip. Last week she fell again. They've changed her medication and her rehab is starting all over again.
- Our grandkids, Aaron & Brianna. Pray for their health. They are on the mend!
- Continued wisdom & revelation for us.

#### PRAISE

My father came back from his Veteran's Honor Flight totally overjoyed! Thank you for praying for him!

Thank you again for always remembering us in all your prayers! ❤️

Yours for Reformation,  
Candice Simmons