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Thank you again for your faithful support even during these difficult financial times. My heart is thrilled each month to witness God at work, faithfully supplying not only my personal needs but the needs of each of us as we partner together in ministry.

The year was 1853, the month was September when a small clipper set sail from Liverpool Harbor carrying a committed 21-year-old missionary named J. Hudson Taylor. He was on his way to serve in the country of China, where only a few dozen missionaries were stationed. Fifty-two years later, he would die, but what a legacy he left. During his lifetime, the missions agency that he founded, the China Inland Mission established 20 mission stations, launched 849 missionaries to the field, trained around 700 Chinese national workers, raised over four million dollars by faith, and saw the Chinese church grow to over 125,000. He had an amazing gift for inspiring individuals to give not only their possessions to Christ but also their lives. One of his most famous quotes was, "Depend upon it, God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."

It is impossible to read or listen to current news reports without hearing some reference to declining economic indicators such as inflation, shortages of workers, and even a global supply chain crisis. As I write this letter, 169 cargo ships are anchored off the coast of Los Angeles waiting to be unloaded and the White House is warning us that with Christmas approaching, "There will be things that people can't get." I am saddened to see so many Christians who are ready to push the panic button. Sure, I hate having to pay on average \$1.22 more per gallon of gas as I did this time last year. My wallet also feels the pressure of rising prices for basic living expenses such as groceries, utilities, and medical services. Yet, I am reminded of the quote by William Carey, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." Paul makes a great promise to his dear friends in Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. This isn't a blanket promise that God is going to meet everyone's needs, but that God was going to meet the Philippian believers' needs. Because they were careful to take care of God's missionary, God was going to take care of them. For the sake of space, I will not list out all the promises of God in Philippians, but some of us need to reread the book and be encouraged.

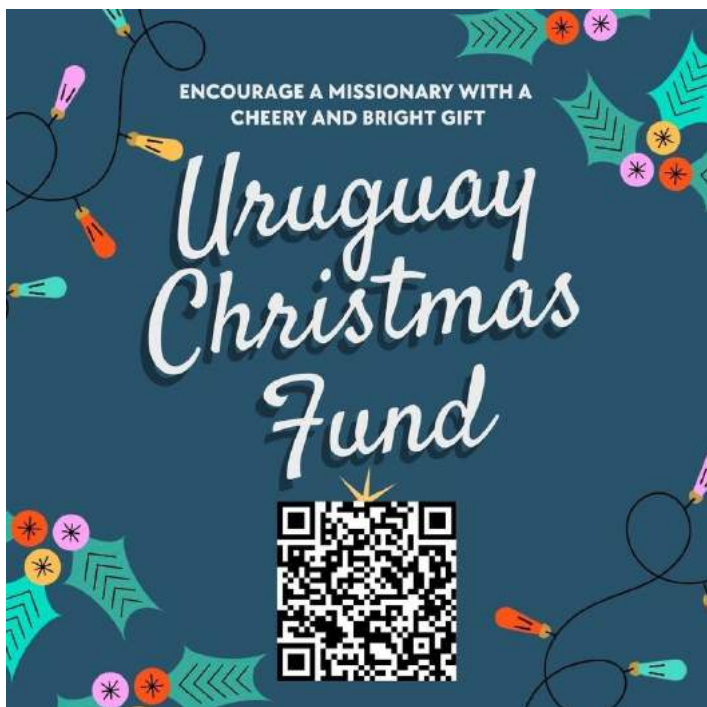
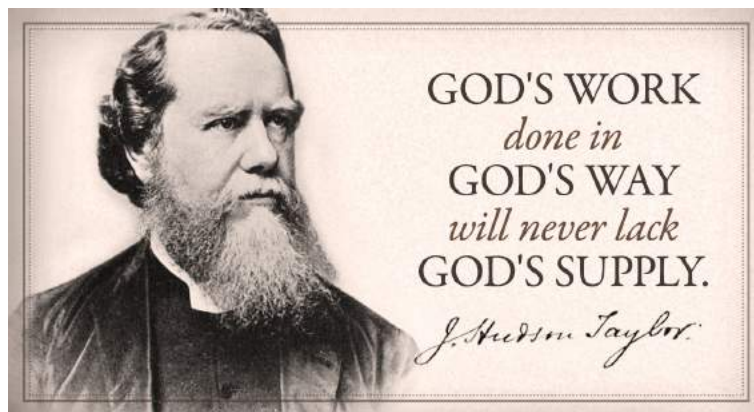
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When Hudson Taylor said that “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies,” he not only was speaking about financial needs, but also God’s supply for our health, our peace, our joy, our faith, and perseverance. So, when it comes to a supply chain crisis for each of us personally, let’s remember this quote by Hudson Taylor and the promise that Paul gave to the Philippian believers. There is no real supply chain crisis for the Christian committed to doing God’s work in God’s way. We can trust God to supply exactly what we need and at exactly the right time. Thank you again for helping us do God’s work, God’s way.



We began the Christmas Fund Offering decades ago as an encouragement for our Uruguayan national missionaries. The mode for processing these special donations remains the same: undesignated Christmas Fund gifts are divided among the Uruguayan missionaries, and designated donations to specific Uruguayans go directly to that missionary. However, as EMU has missionaries in nine different countries, who raise their own support through deputation in the USA, we also encourage our readers to give towards those families as well. So, all designated gifts to ANY of our missionaries will go 100% to that individual or family.

The address of EMU is 209 Roberts Road, Taylors, SC 29687. If you prefer to give online, here is the link to the EMU International website: <https://emuinternational.org/give-now/>

From years of hearing from our missionaries concerning these special gifts this time each year, the families are greatly blessed, regardless of the country. Thank you for your consideration and generosity in this matter. †



Looking Back OCTOBER



Looking Ahead NOVEMBER



I began the month of October with some precious friends of our ministry as I preached at **Greenville Bible Church**, Greenville, MS, (9/30 - 10/5). I headed home on Tuesday (10/5) and then my wife Joanna and I flew to **Boston** to spend a week (10/6 - 10/13) connecting with pastors in New England and visiting **the Wilds of New England**. I preached on Sunday at **Trinity Baptist Church** in Williston, VT, (10/10) for a Missions Focus Sunday. After that, I was in Ankeny, Iowa, for the Missions Emphasis Week at **Faith Baptist Bible College** (10/17-10/23), followed by a weekend in the Washington D.C. area (10/23 -10/24). I enjoyed my time at **Engleside Baptist Church** in Alexandria, and then in Berryville, VA, at **Keystone Baptist Church**. The next week I was at **Appalachian Bible College**. (10/25-10/29).

I love these trips to college campuses to promote missions and share the ministry of EMU International. Pray with me that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest.

November begins with several opportunities to connect with other mission agency directors. The Bible talks about how iron sharpens iron and these times of fellowship are necessary for me to stay sharp. On Wednesday, (11/3) I have the tremendous privilege of preaching and sharing the ministry of EMU International at **Morningside Baptist Church** in Greenville, SC. On the next day (11/4), Joanna and I will fly to Salt Lake City, Utah, where we will spend the next eleven days. Our son Caleb and his family live in Sandy, Utah, about half-an-hour south of SLC. We will connect with his church **Hope Church**, a church plant where he serves on the leadership team as student director. I will preach on Sunday, (11/14) at **Mountain View Baptist Church** in Grantsville, UT. We are looking forward to spending a couple of days with Joanna’s family in Pigeon Forge over Thanksgiving, and then I will travel to Southern Indiana, to preach at **Calvary Baptist Church** in Huntingburg (11/28).