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NO FEAR



Early Sunday morning (5:10 am EST), February 25, I had the privilege of preaching on the radio and online for Radio El Libertador in Vergara, Uruguay. Maria Teresa (Chicha) Rodriguez served as my translator. Pastor Ricardo Windmoller sat at the controls. The red light turned on to alert us that we were on the air. I introduced myself to those listening and told them of the blessings of God upon my trip to Uruguay which began on February 7. We had people tune in from Germany, Russia, the United States, and Uruguay. It is always difficult to know what to preach on occasions like this when you realize you only have one shot and want to make the most of it. I prayed about my subject and asked for input from Chicha. She thought it would be good for me to speak on Psalm 46, a message that I have preached on the subject of "fear." Many people around the world are living in a perpetual state of fear.

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I was encouraged to read that it appears that more people are turning to the Scriptures to fight their fears. According to a recent news report, "Bible engagement accelerated worldwide this year with record-breaking app installs and daily use." In 2023, daily Bible use and installs of the YouVersion Family of Apps, which includes Bible App, Bible App Lite, and Bible App for Kids, increased at higher rates than ever before. The story went on to report that the verse that the YouVersion Community engaged in the most was Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. This was the third year in a row that this verse was highlighted, bookmarked, and shared more than any other. Listening to the daily news, it is only natural for us to feel anxious and insecure about what is happening on the global scene. Wars and rumors of wars are dominating the headlines. The next few months are only going to get more and more challenging as we face the upcoming election and a mainstream media that is determined to divide us. At the same time, most of us are trying to figure out how to stretch a declining dollar which is causing us to stretch our faith. Who knows what tomorrow may bring? God does and He is fully aware of what is happening right now. He is in control. In Psalm 46, after the Psalmist describes how God protects us and is always present for us, he describes God's providence.







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We have all heard the familiar exhortation of verse 10, Be still and know that I am God. God is telling us to quit striving, quit worrying and fretting. Why? Because He is in control, and He will be exalted among the heathen (literally the nations of the world). I need to be reminded of that often. It is my prayer that God will help each one of us conquer our fears by faith in the promises of God's Word.

We are grateful beyond words for your partnership. You have choices as to where you invest your resources. On behalf of each of our missionaries, I want to thank you for your faithful support whether in prayer or in giving.



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Attention Pastors

I am currently planning my calendar for 2024. In addition to traveling and visiting the EMU International missionaries on their various fields of service, I have had the privilege of preaching in Christian School chapels, Pastors' Fellowships, at Christian Camps, Missions Conferences, Revival Meetings, and Family Conferences. I am also available for single meetings to promote the work of EMU International. Contact me if you are interested in me visiting your church.



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- Many people don't realize that Joanna and I are supported like other missionaries and need churches and friends who will partner with us monthly. Please pray with us that God would raise an army of ministry partners who will help hold the rope for us by supporting us financially and through prayer.
- We are also praying about a new travel vehicle. God blessed us last year with a used van for us to drive around town. We need something more reliable though for my travels. Our 2011 Toyota Camry has been an excellent vehicle but it is approaching 250,000 miles.
- Continue to pray for healing for Joanna's hip. She injured it a
 few years ago. She was recently told by a doctor that she
 has arthritis and that she is a candidate for having it
 replaced. That is tough for someone as athletic as she is to
 hear. She does not want to have surgery, so we are praying
 for healing.
- Pray for God to grant wisdom as EMU International moves forward in the days ahead. We are praying that the Lord of the Harvest will send laborers into His harvest and we desire to be a part of His plan.
- By God's grace, each of our four children's families is serving the Lord in full-time ministry. Pray that God will bless their ministries and sustain them through the many joys and trials that accompany their calling.