

100,000 HEARTBEATS EVERY DAY TO SAY

Happy Valentine

REVIVAL



Gwinnett County Courthouse

“Why on earth am I here ?”

Valentine is a strong LOVE WORD. For God, it is utterly amazing! To create us in very His image, as a gift undeserved and unmerited, and to sustain us with 2.5 billion heartbeats (100,000 daily) in an average lifetime. **His Divine Purpose:** To give us authority to execute dominion over His world preparing us **to reign, as our reward, with Him for eternity in His home in Heaven.** This is beyond amazing!. Those heartbeats continue whether we know and trust in Him or ignore, reject or even hate Him. Though unasked, unpopular and stunning question, so few can answer: **“Why on earth am I here?”** It is perhaps the same question Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden would or could not answer. BUT their choice to cave into Satan’s lie “they would not die” did not derail God’s intended purpose to this very day. But His LOVE prevailed through justice and mercy blood sacrifices throughout the Old Testament.

God’s instruction to Moses was to set up a mobile tent Tabernacle (courthouse) in the desert to establish this daily blood sacrificial system of judgment and mercy. This became God’s forerunner red-carpet to us through His only Son Jesus Christ (our Attorney) to become the ultimate sacrifice. **What an amazing valentine gift of LOVE for all mankind who receive it!**

In 2003 entering Gwinnett County courthouse as a chaplain, it dawned on me seeing the intimate purpose why we all are on earth; Every courthouse is a daily universal reminder we are all waiting on our court date at death’s door to meet our Judge and Attorney Jesus Christ. **“It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment.”** Romans 2:23, To our amazement, our Attorney Jesus Christ loved us so much, even while we are sinners, that He chose to lay down His life to be become our substitute knowing we are all on death row. He wins every case for He paid for all the charges to those who accept Him as Savior & Lord. CASE CLOSED What court attorney willfully chose to pay by death for his guilty client? NEVER.

So often the judgment and mercy of God shines the brightest through the darkest hours, days, weeks, or even years. After reconnecting with Terry Smith from the Diversion Center from years ago, he shares his story of God’s amazing grace rescuing story that reveals the lost mindset in our lost world today.

“My mother died, when I was young. I never got the chance to know her. My dad passed died when I was 18 years old. We were never close at all. Most of my teenage life was spent in and out of group homes. I started doing drugs and drinking by the time I was 16 years old. I started getting in trouble with the law by 19 years old.”

“I blamed everybody and everything including God for all my troubles. I didn't won't to have anything to do with God. I had so many opportunities throughout my life to turn my life over to God, but I turn Him down every time. God allowed me to go to prison in 2011 for 10 years. The first five years of my sentence I got more involved with people who did drugs, etc., but the same God I hated all my life was fixing to turn my whole life around.”

“On January 18, 2015 at 4:30 am in the morning is when I got on my knees and gave my life to Jesus. As time went God used me in a mighty way to win lost souls for him. I when to prison in April 6th 2020. God has been using me to win lost souls for him. I'm still a work in progress. Yes, I still struggle at things, but I know how faithful my Lord and Savior is. God has been so good to me. I love him so much! Keep me in your prayers.”

Terry Smith

GOD'S VALENTINE LOVE PROVIDES: Even if you have to search the world over !



Dear brethren in the Lord our Savior Jesus Christ. My name is **Thomas Chacha Maroa** from Kenya, Migori County, Kuria West Sub County. Six-hour time frame from you! I am a pastor by calling and fulltime minister of the Gospel. My calling is based on the Scripture ***"The Lord heals the borkenhearted and binds up their wounds."*** Psalms 147:3

After decades of tough predicaments in the family, I resigned. Life came to a standstill! My sons didn't get his formal education as required, but became a drug user with his followers involved in secular music artist. Their complains were how can we serve God whom Dad believed yet we have no school fees, food, clothes, etc. They refused and stayed off from home for decades. In 2018 my elder son, Enock, called me one morning and said, ***"Dad, today I am going to church. I heard a voice telling me my time is up. I need salvation."*** He has reformed and now praying for me to succeed in the ministry. **Pray without ceasing!** He wants to be a fulltime pastor after seeing the faith and boldness of their father with no giving up mentally.

During COVID-19 in 2020 I had an urge to pray for a servant of God whom I can share and pray together to enhance God's work on earth as a strong team. **I kept on googling on social media apps.**

July 2022 I came across amazingly ministry serving name: Bridge the Gap Ministries! Bridge the Gap? Oh no, but how? I started praying and told God to let me know what kind of a man he is, and if God has given me a divine connection. Then I will write once until he responds. If not, I won't bother. Definitely he isn't the kind of a person I am looking for. I wrote to David Burgher. He replied, I am born again Christian and serving God as a fulltime minister in the court halls.

After sometime, I wrote to him and he encouraged me how to be strong while serving God That day I was so down depressed and almost losing the sense of trusting God. It was a massively heart lift. I went to church and preached on being steady in the midst of the storm after his few words. **But with God's anointing I soared higher like an eagle defying the strong wind.** He has become an instrument, and God's voice encouraging me often time.

I never asked him to pray for me nor how he should pray. I gained some courage to call him. Before the end of the conversation he humbly said, "Can we pray together?" Every word he spoke in prayer was what I needed the most. The Holy spirit leads him in a miraculously way. I praise God for this wonderful servant. He's a true man of God led of His spirit. I love his nice and polite spirit as a father. God confirmed to me that indeed, the Bridge the Gap Ministries is where I get such refreshing word of God. I can say this as one of God's child and yet more to grow spiritually and eagerly. God bless you.

Pastor Thomas Chacha Maroa

Prayer request:

1. God to empower to reach and impact more of our youth in the cultural community. This would include doing **conferences for our youth and children** at least once or twice a year in the Word of God that will break the stronghold cultures and traditions in our community. These strongholds dominate a great majority of our country.
2. I have chosen to **leave the city of Nairobi** where I could get support. I am now in the upper country where even hospitals, food stores, are so far away. Going to church is 6 or more miles walking. Need better transportation.
3. God to help those that are **hit by the drought** after many decades. The region was drought free. Most people don't attend church due to sleeping, hungry, and weakness from sicknesses. Our church family members were almost 240 in attendance. Since January the numbers keeping reducing to 68 adults. **We need a rain from heaven to plant seeds of cereals for sufficient and sustainable foods in our homes and the country at large.**



Baptist Church in Migori county, Kuria west sub-county.

