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God is Great!

-Tim Burow

*O come, let us sing unto the LORD
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the deep places of the earth
the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it
and his hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
For he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
(Psalm 95:1-7a, KJV)*

God is Great!

He can't be anything else. It is His nature and unique right. Holy and Awesome is His Name (Psalm 111:9 NASB).

While God's greatness is without question, ours comes only by extension as he condescends to involve us in the wonderful works of His redemptive mission.

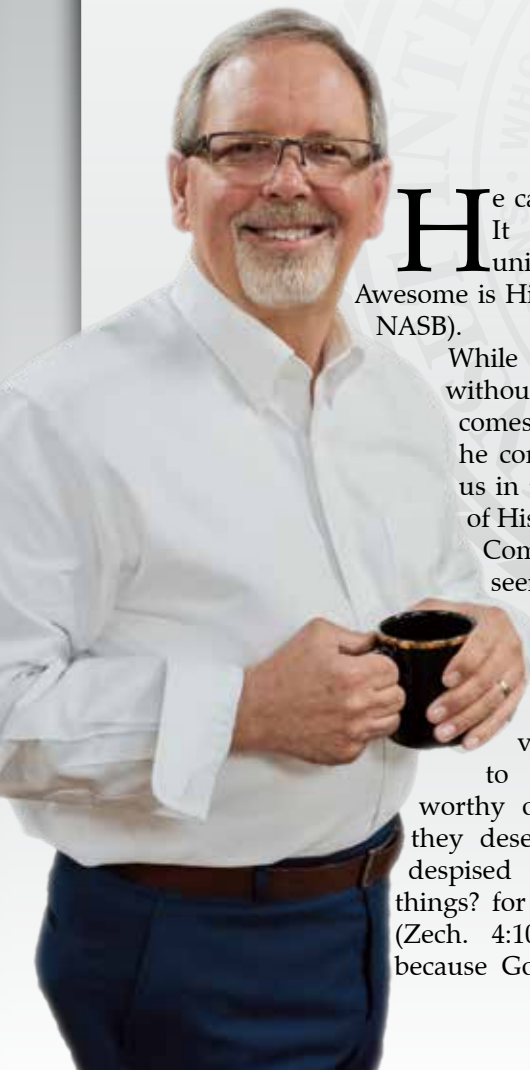
Comparatively, our deeds seem rather small and insignificant if we are honest about it, though at times our pride may cause us to view our contributions to the kingdom as worthy of more honor than they deserve. "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice..." (Zech. 4:10 KJV). We rejoice because God takes our meager

efforts and weaves them into His grand providential design. So, small things matter.

We tend to think of SIBI as being involved in grand kingdom efforts, and we are, but only as the result of a lot of small things coming from God's faithful people—people at Sunset, trained by Sunset, supporting Sunset. All these small contributions create a synergy which the God of the Universe shapes to His Glory. Through all of these things God develops a movement among us for such a time as this. Our task, like Naaman's of old, is to serve and be faithful in the little things and to not grow weary in their doing. As we consider the transitions taking place at SIBI, we bid farewell and welcome to those who have a wonderful heritage of small things compounded on small things. We are offering courses for people to take for credit or to audit, and each little lesson learned has lasting value.

As you read this edition of *Lifeline*, I hope that you will take in two very important things: 1) Our God is an Awesome God, and 2) the small things we are all able to do in faith matter. May you be blessed by this edition and glorify our Father above.

Tim Burow



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A MOVEMENT OF GOD IN OUR TIME



The world shook as the rockets and missiles rained down on Ukraine in late February. The church shook as well, but not in fear. The church in Ukraine and around the world shook into action as one of the greatest humanitarian crises in a generation unfolded. Since SIBI had been working in Ukraine for over 25 years, we believed God called us to respond to this tragedy and gave us an opportunity to serve and to connect the churches in the United States to the needs of the churches in Ukraine. Looking back on the past 180 days, SIBI is in awe of what God has accomplished and continues to do.

Since the beginning of the conflict, SIBI has sent out emails and posted on our social media what God has done in Ukraine. This article will summarize many of those reports as well as provide additional perspectives and updates.

Even before the invasion officially began, Brandon Price, '07 alumnus of SIBI and director of the Ukrainian Bible Institute (UBI), and his family prepared to leave Kyiv for safety. They packed up and left what had been their home for many years. They were able to find a new home in Sopot, Poland, almost 700 miles away.

Mike Dawidow, '76 alumnus of Sunset School of Preaching,

planted the church in Sopot along with his wife Molly and family. Mike died in 2015, but his wife Molly and their daughter Annabelle continue to work with the congregation. Ed Wharton has visited this small church many times and still teaches remotely when he can. This small congregation responded to Brandon and to the crisis by converting their church basement into temporary housing, which included constructing bunk beds and building adequate bathroom facilities. Their vision of faith in those early days of the conflict has persevered over the past many months. The church continues to provide housing and has relocated many to additional housing. They have welcomed Ukrainian

Christians, including many from UBI. The UBI staff and students, along with the Polish Christians, are now reaching out to more refugees and providing for them.

As soon as SIBI learned of the Russian invasion, we began to collect money to provide for the church in Ukraine. Both Tim Burow, President of SIBI, and Doug Reeves, Dean of International Studies, lived and worked in Ukraine and with UBI for many years. Doug directed the school when it was located in Donetsk, and Tim helped establish the church in Mariupol. He was also Brandon Price's AIM coordinator while there. Many of SIBI's faculty over the years were personally involved in the ministries of



UBI and the church in Ukraine. It was out of this genuine and personal love for the church that SIBI began raising money. We knew of many needs within Ukraine. We also knew that we had contacts in the neighboring countries, like the church in Sopot, who would be willing to open their doors to the refugees. There was no goal in raising the money other than to use the unique position in which God had placed SIBI to provide in as many ways as possible.

Within a week, SIBI was overwhelmed by the response of churches and individuals. In the first week, over 300 individuals and churches gave \$200,000. By the end of March, almost 1,000 individuals and churches from around the world had given over \$1,000,000. Many of the contacts sent money in response to articles written by the Christian Chronicle, which recognized SIBI's ability to handle the funds and provide assistance. SIBI's finance office worked as quickly as possible to process all of the donations so that money could be available. We were touched by donations from Singapore, Kenya, Switzerland, and Australia, as well as a special gift from South Sudan.

Barry Smith works with the Sudan Project. While he was visiting with 100 South Sudanese preachers from refugee camps in Uganda, the preachers asked Barry about how the Lord's church was responding to their brothers and sisters in Ukraine. When he told them about our efforts and how we are supporting the churches, they prayed. The prayer was in English, Arabic, and several dialects from South Sudan and lasted over an hour. Once the prayer was over, these refugees from South Sudan took a collection. Though they are refugees from one of the poorest countries in the world, they gave what amounted to \$11 for Barry to give to support their brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Another gift came from a prison inmate, who thanked us for including our mailing address since

he was not able to give online.

Tim Burow worked tirelessly in those beginning weeks to help his friends in Ukraine, but he quickly saw the need for others to be involved. In March, Tim asked Rob Hindman, '03 alumnus of SIBI and former missionary to Kharkiv, to handle the requests for aid and to process the requests as quickly and efficiently as possible. Rob was already providing updates on Facebook about people's situations and was himself well positioned to address the needs in Ukraine. He made contact with friends inside and outside of Ukraine and found many places where we could send funds. In April, SIBI also sent Brandon Price and Richard Baggett, Jr., to visit churches in the surrounding countries who were receiving and providing for refugees. They made many contacts, and SIBI will continue to work with these congregations as the crisis continues.

The plan for the funds raised has been:

1. Helping people in the hardest-hit areas within Ukraine through churches and Christians.
2. Helping churches that have received refugees.
3. Providing for UBI as it seeks to re-establish itself at some point.

As time passed, this plan took more definite shape, and SIBI began to see what God would do through the churches in Ukraine and with the churches across Eastern Europe.

The Siege of Mariupol

Due to the intimate connections of Tim Burow and Brandon Price with the

church in Mariupol, we were able to hear about many things happening in the suffering city. Early in March many around the world began praying for Sasha Piletsky, one of the preachers in Mariupol, who was injured by a stray bullet or shrapnel while he was out serving with other church members. The bullet grazed his temple and left him with a scar that will always remind him of the grace of God. The church's building became a place of refuge for her members as Russian attacks intensified through the month. Communication became harder and harder. Tim would go many days without hearing from his friends, but then a message would come through that the building was still standing and everyone was safe. Many praised God for His protection of a building that was so close to much of the destruction in the city. As the situation in the city deteriorated more and more, Christians from around the world began working to move the Christians in Mariupol to safety. God worked to move them out of the church building and the city that was under siege, through other churches, into Russia to the east. From



Top of opposite page: prayers offered at the Sopot Church of Christ (photo credit Audrey Jackson).

Bottom of opposite page: Brandon Price listening to his friend and one of the Volunteer Brothers, Artyom Kirilenko (photo credit Audrey Jackson)

Top right: Refugee Christians in Poland handing out food and supplies to children.

Right: one of the many places that received much-needed food and supplies from the deliveries made into Ukraine.



there, they moved slowly across Russia north of Ukraine, into Estonia, and finally to Sopot, Poland. God worked through many different churches and individuals from the United States and Europe to make such an amazing thing happen. In anticipation of their arrival to safety, Tim Burow went to Poland to help settle the refugees from his former church in Mariupol. They are now safe with the congregation in Sopot, whose members have embraced the Ukrainian family of God. Sasha, the preacher who was injured in early March, is on the cover of this edition of *Lifeline* as he reunited with fellow Ukrainian Christians in Sopot.

The Volunteer Brothers

In 2014, after being forced to leave Donetsk where he taught at UBI, Dima Grischuk formed a humanitarian organization called *Let's Love*. Through that organization, Dima was able to begin a new ministry using the vans he had for *Let's Love* not only to transport humanitarian aid into places where supplies were needed, but also to take people from the areas of danger to areas of safety. The new group goes by the simple name of the *Volunteer Brothers*. Along with other major supporters of *Let's Love*, SIBI supplied the funds to buy additional vans to help carry this project forward. The bravery and sacrifice of these drivers is a blessing. Artyom Kirilenko, of Mariupol, joined the *Volunteer Brothers* in late March and wrote,

Today we took my family to Romania, they were very well received there, and after tomorrow they will go to the Czech Republic and will live there for now. I will be driving here with Grishuk's group. I am very grateful to God that everything turned out this way, I have wanted to minister to people for the glory of God for a long time. And the Lord has made it all work out. I did not realize in the beginning what a blessing it would be for me and my family. I have long wanted to serve the Lord, but my work has kept me from it. But now because of this situation, I can devote myself to His service.



Sister Congregations Join Forces

The Sopot Church of Christ in Poland began working with refugees early in the conflict. Once Brandon and Katie Price arrived, the church began to open itself to many of the fleeing Ukrainians, but especially those from the Poznyaki Church of Christ that is in Kyiv. Among those who fled was Natasha Maliuga. Natasha has worked with UBI for many years, and her husband, Sasha, is the preacher for the Poznyaki congregation and teaches for UBI. Sasha, along with the rest of the men eligible to serve in the military, remained in Ukraine. He has continued to lead the congregation, and they have used funds to care for people in need in Kyiv. At the end of May, Natasha approached SIBI with a request to help with an effort of the two congregations from Sopot and Poznyaki. Men from Poznyaki were given special permission to travel into Poland to pick up humanitarian supplies. The church in Sopot rented space in a warehouse close to the Poland-Ukraine border. The plan was for the church in Sopot to buy



The delivery process begins by loading the cargo van at the warehouse in Poland (top). Then the drivers face delays at the border that sometimes last for 30 hours (second picture, photo credit Audrey Jackson). Goods are unloaded onto other trucks to distribute around Ukraine (third picture). Deliveries are then made to areas of need (bottom picture).

Opposite bottom: Sasha Piletsky, a preacher from Mariupol, baptizing a young Ukrainian refugee in Sopot, Poland.



the supplies needed and place them in the warehouse where the brethren from Poznyaki could pick them up and then bring them into Ukraine. Once inside, the plan was to distribute aid to churches and places that were smaller and often overlooked by other humanitarian organizations. This included nursing homes that were not able to evacuate and smaller villages that had no aid organizations. It was an ambitious plan that did not always go on schedule, but over the course of a month the team worked and brought in tons of supplies and food in four loads to over a dozen locations throughout Ukraine.

The brothers from Ukraine, Sergey and Alexander, who deliver food and other help from Poland to Ukraine, crossed the border four times. Each trip took at least 30 hours, and yet they continue to say "Praise God!" Sergey said that while they were working on all the paperwork to get this ministry started, he prayed every day that the Lord would send him the kind of ministry that would most help the people of Ukraine at this difficult time. Now he doesn't have a single day to spare; every day he and the other brothers are on the road, either to get food in Poland or to distribute this help to the various cities in Ukraine where it is so badly needed.

As the two churches have continued making these deliveries, SIBI is working with them to speed up delivery and increase the capacity.

God's Hand in Our Lives

In May, SIBI helped Gemünden Bible Camp/Retreat in Germany as they needed funds to provide for 25 refugees staying in that camp. Darlene Morris, a '95 alumnus of Sunset who edits books for SIBI, lived in Germany where her husband was stationed in the military. During their time at the Kaiserslautern Church of Christ, Larry (also a '95 alumnus) served on the board for Gemünden Bible Camp and was the camp director. As Darlene shared this memory with her friends, Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers ('69 alumnus and the previous director of UBI before Brandon Price), she mentioned the Christians she knew in Brandon, England, who were using their building to house Ukrainian refugees. To her surprise, Jay Don responded to her message with an awe-inspiring response. In 1970, the Rogerses were working in England and worked to plant a new congregation and buy a building in Brandon. Jay Don wrote, "When you mentioned that Ukrainian refugees were living there, we lost it and started crying. Who would have ever known that a building we helped purchase in 1970 would be blessing the lives of Ukrainians today. Our God knows how to put things together long before we know anything."

It is not a cliché to say that only God knows what has happened and what will happen because of the efforts of faithful men and women around the world to proclaim the name of Jesus.

Future Plans

There is a continuing need to maintain the supply of goods to the Christians ministering directly in this crisis. Natasha Maliuga wrote recently,

As I was going to make this post I thought to myself that it almost becomes repetitive - every time the pictures are similar, and it is the same story - people need food, people need some basic things for their life - and we can help them with those. But please believe me that for those people who receive the help it is not repetitive, when

they get help their eyes light up, and you can see so much relief in them because they know that now they have something to eat for the next few weeks and they can feed their children before they have to worry again about where to get more food. Literally, the life of every Ukrainian now is one day at a time. And more often than ever people ask for the daily bread!

The Global Relief Ministry will continue supporting these supplies that are so important to so many. As previously mentioned, Brandon Price and Richard Baggett, Jr., traveled to Eastern Europe to see what future opportunities would be available. Those plans are continuing to form, and you will be able to read about how the money given continues to help the Ukrainians.

Brandon and the leaders of UBI are already beginning to figure out what the next steps will be to continue to train preachers and teachers for Ukraine. There is not a question of if the school will continue, only of how it will continue. SIBI is committed to seeing that vision accomplished. Please read more about the updates from Ukraine at SIBI.cc. You can also visit that site to sign up for our email list so that you can receive the information as we publish it.

In addition, Brandon and Richard were accompanied by Erik Tryggstad and Audrey Jackson from the Christian Chronicle. Erik and Audrey have shared pictures from the trip for us to use here and have written many excellent and moving articles about the people they met, including many of the same ones described here. Please visit the International section of ChristianChronicle.org for more of those stories.

No one would ever have prayed for a tragedy of this magnitude to happen, but for God's people this is an opportunity to let God's light shine even brighter in the darkness of tragedy. It is a time to live out the promise of God in Romans 8:28, "***And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.***" May God be glorified in our working together with Him to see His Kingdom come.

Jeff Rader

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Seeking the Little: Finding What True Greatness Really Means

A Brief Study of Naaman the Syrian in 2 Kings 5:1–19

“And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian” (Luke 4:27).

In Luke 4:27 Jesus mentioned the Old Testament character known as Naaman the leper, who was cleansed by Elisha the prophet. The story of Naaman is found in 2 Kings 5, which serves as the text for this article. It is a unique story in the Old Testament, but as we will see, Naaman’s cleansing highlights several themes that are also found in the New Testament. Especially important is how the story of Naaman relates to us the theme of what true greatness really means.

A character sketch of Naaman (5:1)

The story of Naaman begins with this description: “Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram.” Several elements about Naaman are worth noting here at the beginning.

First, he is described as a “commander,” which means he had an important military position within the army of Aram (Syria). The text also says that he was a “great man” and “highly regarded,” showing that he commanded respect and admiration. Third, the text says, “through him the Lord had given victory to Aram.” This last element would have been looked upon unfavorably by a Jewish audience (the original readers of the book of 2 Kings). God had blessed this Syrian

with victory. These descriptions paint the picture of an important man, even a “great” man. Except for one thing... Naaman had leprosy. The end of verse one states it simply but boldly: “He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.”

A little Israelite girl held in a foreign land (5:2–3)

In the next two verses of the chapter, the reader is introduced to a young girl who had been taken captive by bands of raiders from Aram. She is an unnamed Israelite, now living in exile (like the original hearers of this story). She is described as a “young girl” (literally, “little girl”). She is described as serving Naaman’s wife (the literal wording is she “stood before” Naaman’s wife). She stands in contrast to the greatness of her master, Naaman. She is unnamed (read “unimportant”), she is a servant, and she is a captive outside of her native land. However, she is the first to speak in the story, which is unusual and significant at the same time. She says of Naaman: “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” Respectful, yet bold, she presents a solution to Naaman’s leprosy—a prophet in Samaria (Israel).

Naaman's action—a response to the little girl's words (5:4–6)

With the conflict now set, the story progresses by showing Naaman's curiosity regarding the girl's suggestion. He wants to go see this prophet in Israel. He goes to his master and tells him what the girl from Israel had said. We see that this master, Naaman, also has a master, the king of Syria. And so immediately we are confronted with the reality that we are being told a story about "servants" and "masters." The girl is a servant, but so is Naaman.

Naaman receives permission to "go" (a key word in the story) by his master the king of Aram (Syria).

The king sends a letter to the king of Israel, a written request that we might call today a "letter of recommendation." It came across to the king of Israel as more of a command regarding this commander of Syria's army: "I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy" (v. 6).

Naaman heads off to Israel with letter in hand and with a bunch of money, hoping this might help in the search for a cure. Verse 5 reads, "So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing."

The king of Israel and Elisha receive Naaman—more or less (5:7–8)

The king of Israel (Joram) reads the letter and tears his robes. He believes that the king of Syria is trying to pick a fight with him and incite him to war. He states, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life?" (v. 7). The king recognizes rightly that the power of God to heal does not reside in him or in any other human. This is why he understands the request to be a setup. But Elisha, the man of God, sends the king a message that calms him down: "Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel" (v. 8).

Naaman is sent to yet another place. And off he goes...this time, to Elisha's house.

Naaman and the prophet Elisha (5:9–12)

So far in the story, Naaman has gone from his house in Syria to the palace of his king, who sends him to the palace of another king, the king of Israel in Samaria, who in turn sends him to yet another house, the house of the prophet Elisha. Each time, Naaman obediently goes to each of these places seeking his healing. As readers of the text, we see Naaman arrive "with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house" (v. 9). Literally, the text says that "he stood before his door."

But notice that Elisha does not even come out to meet him in person. Rather, he sends a "messenger" (as he had done with the king of Israel) to speak with Naaman. The message is simple, a command to "go" yet again, to another place, this time to the Jordan River, where he is to dip himself and wash

seven times. After doing this, he is told, "your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed" (v. 10).

But this time, Naaman has had enough. He has been given advice by a little servant girl, sent on the road by his master the king, sent on the road again by the king of Israel to see Elisha, and now sent by Elisha—or, rather, by a messenger of Elisha—to go wash in the Jordan River. Naaman is probably thinking, "When will this end?"

He has been told to go, and go he has, and gone yet again. But verse 11 states that he "went away angry". He's been unsuccessful in his quest for healing and is angry because all he's received is the run-around treatment.

We hear his inner dialogue in verses 11–12: "I thought he would surely come out to me [in person] and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy." And by the way, "Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage."

The role of Naaman's servants (5:13–14)

Naaman clearly does not understand how this healing thing is supposed to work. He thinks to himself: "Have I missed something here? I think I've followed all the steps and I've done everything I was told to do, and yet, still no healing! What gives?"

He feels like he deserves to be treated with a little more respect and honor. After all, he is an important guy. Maybe they don't realize that he is a "great" man. He has status, he has position, he has influence. He's the one usually giving the orders, not taking them. But taken them he has...up to this point.

And herein lies his real problem: Naaman is captive to his own pride and arrogance. Naaman's leprosy is not his true sickness. His leprosy, which is only skin-deep, covers a greater problem—that of pride and arrogance. He perhaps thinks a little too much of himself. He has not been treated as his status demands. He deserves (in his mind) first-class, diamond-executive platinum membership privileges, and yet he is relegated to the rear seating area of coach class.

And here, as in the first part of the story, the importance of "the servants" comes back into play. Notice the contrast between the pride of the master Naaman and the humble words of his servants in verse 13: "Naaman's servants went to him and said, 'My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he tells you, "Wash and be cleansed!"' It's like they are telling him: "He told you to do something easy. It's not that difficult, right? Why not just do it?"

Naaman had been obedient up to here. He had humbled himself to accept the words of advice of a little captive Israelite girl, and he had come to what he considered to be a third-rate land, to visit with a less-of-a-man king of Israel, only to be told that he must visit a prophet who doesn't even give him the time of day—he doesn't come out to him and heal him personally when Naaman is literally standing right at his front door. Naaman had followed all these instructions. He had done everything asked of him.

Except this last thing, this one additional thing...one

more step. Could he humble himself once more? Could he obey one more time? To be able to take the final step to his restoration, he would need to strip off the last bit of pride and arrogance. Naaman would have to humble himself one more time in the relatively dirty waters of the Jordan River (in contrast to the clearer waters back home) and he would have to dip himself for cleansing. Self-service humility. And he is reminded of all of this by the words of his own humble servants—just like the little servant girl had spoken to him at the beginning.

Verse 14 is the turning point in the story: “So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him [literally, “according to the words of the man of God”], and his flesh was restored [returned] and became clean like that of a young [little] boy.”

One more time at Elisha’s house (5:15–19)

The “great” man Naaman has now become like a “little” boy. He has become like his little Israelite servant girl. The unclean has now become clean, all because arrogance has given way to humility. Naaman’s position of authority as one used to giving orders has given way to a new position of obedience. The master has embraced obedience. His skin has been restored by his humility.

His restoration is also highlighted by his return (the same Hebrew word) to the prophet Elisha’s house. It was not only his flesh that was restored to Naaman, but also his sight and understanding. A repentant heart becomes an obedient heart and a grateful heart, a heart ready to return to the house of the servant of God, Elisha. This is what Israelites in Babylonian exile need to realize. Namely, that restoration (return) to the land of Israel depends upon their repentance, submission, and obedience to the words of God as spoken by His servants the prophets. The lesson Naaman learned is the same lesson that Israel needs to learn.

“Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel’” (v. 15).

Wow! What a confession of faith this Syrian (outsider) has now made regarding the God of the whole world. The little Israelite girl had told him about the prophet in Israel, but now Naaman has found “the God of all the world.” Naaman stands in the line of so many outsiders who claim faith and righteousness for themselves through humble obedience and repentance when given the chance and thus become true insiders—the people of God.

Now, face to face with the prophet, Naaman’s proclamation highlights the true God behind the prophet. Naaman sees that the prophet is merely a servant of the great God and now sees himself in the same way—as a servant instead of a great man.

Naaman, with all of this clear in his mind, offers a gift to Elisha: “Please accept a gift from your servant” (v. 15). Naaman stands ready to worship by making an offering to Elisha, which Elisha quickly refuses with an oath: “As surely as the Lord lives....” By doing this, Elisha acknowledges the Lord as the true source of power and healing, not himself. Elisha’s words before had been: “Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel”

(v. 8). With his statement here to Naaman, Elisha is reminded of his own service to the Great God of the World. It is He and only He who heals.

Naaman is like the one leper who returns after being healed by Jesus in Luke 17:11–17. Beginning in verse 15, that passage states: “One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’”

Naaman—describing himself a second time as “your servant”—now requests some soil to take back with him to worship the Lord in Syria. People believed that each deity was a local god who protected the land of their worshippers (Ex. 20:24–26). Naaman acknowledges that his life in the future will be different. He wants to serve the God of the whole world, but he sees some practical difficulties in carrying this out.

With this sobering thought in mind, Naaman asks for future forgiveness for those times when he will have to enter the temple of Rimmon (the proper name of the Canaanite god of Baal) as part of his official duties. He is given one last command by Elisha but this time in the form of a blessing to once again “go” in peace (v. 19). Like the words of Jesus—“Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

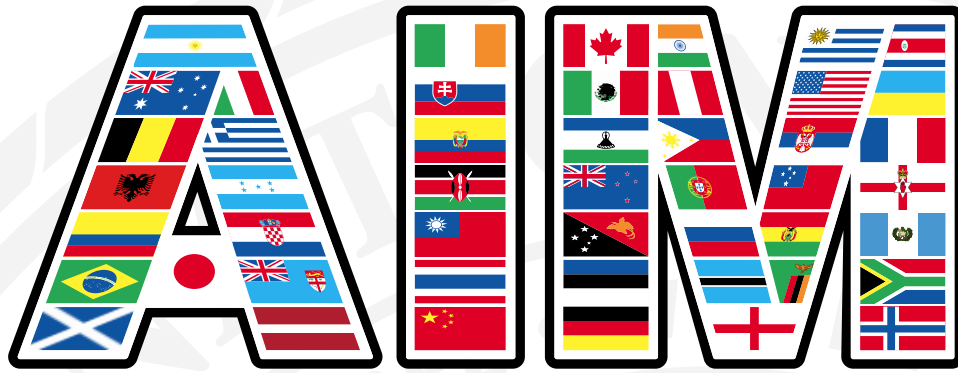
The story of Naaman and the words of Jesus confront modern Christians with the same basic message in Matthew 18:1–4: “At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’”

The Lord reminds us, as does the story of Naaman, that true greatness lies in our ability to become little. That’s what we should seek—not “greatness” in our own minds, but true greatness as defined by God. “Seeking the little” requires us to have the humble heart of a child and a servant.

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With great joy and excitement, SIBI celebrated the graduation of the 91st class on May 14, 2022. Graduates from our residential studies, graduate school, and external studies were all honored.

The weekend was a refreshing return to the traditions that SIBI enjoys each year. The festivities included a special time of recognition for the ladies who graduated and the wives who supported their husbands through their studies. The Senior Banquet was a meaningful time during which the students and faculty could share special memories. The graduates also received the SIBI pin or pendant that identifies all alumni of the school. At graduation, Jeff Jenkins of the Jenkins Institute brought a timely message from his experiences over the past decade since his graduation. The Edward C. Wharton Kerux Award was given to Justin Witt.

Most of the graduates have moved away from Lubbock and are either settling in at their first job at churches around the world or preparing for a mission. Please continue to lift up the graduates and their families in prayer as they serve the body of Christ.



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DEPARTURES

Thomas Allison ('69), 87, of Denver City, Texas, passed away on March 7, 2022. Tommy graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching in 1968. During his time of preacher training he joined Parker Henderson in Thailand. He preached the gospel message in India, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, Laos and many other countries. Tommy returned to the states and was the pulpit minister for the Denver City Church of Christ for a total of eleven years and also served as an elder.



Carolyn Anderson ('67) peacefully passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021 in Smyrna, Tennessee. She married **Harry Anderson ('67)**, a preacher for the churches of Christ, in 1966 and moved to Lubbock, Texas. She was a devoted member of the church of Christ and worked with her husband.



Roselee Anderson, 97, died July 23, 2022. Roselee was a founding member of Sunset Church of Christ in 1952 and worked for the Sunset School of Preaching as secretary for a brief time in the early years.



Billy Bearden ('68), 88, died June 6, 2022, in Wichita, Kansas. Bill graduated from Sunset in 1968 and served as a minister for many years. He and Katherine shared 62 years of marriage before her death on November 18, 2018.



Richard Brent ('04) went home after battling cancer on February 18, 2022. His wife Janet lives in Nottingham, Maryland.

Clayton Crabtree ('68) passed from this life June 23, 2022. He ministered in churches in Washington, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Texas.

James Dillinger II ('66), 78, of Noblesville, Indiana, passed away on February 3, 2022. He was the minister of Green Valley Church of Christ since 1987. Jim also served as chaplain for several years for the Noblesville Police Department.



Nolan Donop, 97, passed away July 18, 2022. Nolan was the father of Betty Garnett and lived with Brian and Betty for many years, taking Sr. AIM classes as he was able.



Wanda DuBose (Sr. AIM '02) died in Laguna Woods, California, on March 10, 2022.



David Finch ('83), 64, died in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 7, 2022. After studying at Sunset, David and Vicky went to Africa for a short time before moving to Taiwan and serving for 11 years.



Dani Haynes, 62, wife of Kevin ('88), went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 30, 2022. She met Kevin Haynes, the love of her life, and they were married on February 10, 1978, in Neosho,



Missouri. Dani served with her husband in Ecuador for 5 years. She was a volunteer at the local Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

Teddy Henslee ('83) of Cleburne, Texas, passed away. His wife Sharon notified Sunset in January.

Connie Higginbotham of League City, Texas, passed away on January 16, 2022. Connie was the wife of **Joe Higginbotham ('76)**. She was a wonderful Bible class teacher and was known for her tender and loving care of all her students. She and Joe were great workers for the Lord and supported SIBI and the work that they loved through the school.

Darryl Jochens ('79) went home to be with the Lord. He and Sherry lived in Golden Valley, Arizona. Sunset was notified in January of his passing.

Ray Jones, 87, died July 15, 2022, in Huntsville, Alabama. Ray was a deacon of the Mayfair Church of Christ and traveled on mission trips to Cuba. Ray was a generous donor to SIBI as well as many other ministries.



Paul Laman ('68) of North Little Rock, Arkansas, went to be with his Lord and Savior October 1, 2021, after a lengthy illness. He attended the Sunset School of Preaching, graduating in 1968. Paul preached in a number of churches in Arkansas and Texas and did mission work in India. Paul's greatest joy was studying and teaching the Word of God. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of 67 years, two sons and their families.



Judy Langston, wife of Milton ('74), 74, passed away December 14, 2021, in San Angelo, Texas. After graduating from Sunset, Milton and Judy moved their family to Lesotho to work. They later served in Bangs, Texas, and Jal, New Mexico, before settling in San Angelo.



Shannon McGee ('87), 58, passed away December 1, 2021, in Cedar Park, Texas, after a 16-year battle with ALS. After graduating Sunset, Shannon and Vicky ministered in Montana before moving back to work in Texas.



Jessie Lin Minica ('70) passed into the Lord's hands on December 14, 2021. Jessie and his wife of 59 years, Martha, served the Lord in Texas, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Martha passed away February 14, 2022.

Richard Mowery ('74) went to be with his Lord in 2021. He and Dottie lived and worked in Pennsylvania for many years. Dottie is in the last stages of pancreatic cancer but has fought different cancers since 1982.



Richard & Betty Pennington (WFR '77) Richard went to be with his Lord in 2016 and Betty in 2020.



Michael Prosser ('75), 83, of Lubbock passed from this life on April 17, 2022. Mike preached in Texas, Colorado, Iowa, Washington, Michigan and British Columbia.



Jerry Roberts ('71), 78, of Lubbock passed away on December 21, 2021. He married Joyce Huse on November 16, 1961. They moved to Lubbock in 1968 and he attended Sunset School of Preaching. He preached for congregations in Muleshoe, Texas; Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Carlsbad, New Mexico, before returning to Lubbock to continue his work in ministry.



Dr. Silas Short ('85), 84, passed away on May 2, 2022, in Hale Center, Texas. Silas was known for his service around the area, spending many years living in Post as well as Hale Center. Over his lifetime he served as a minister, school board member, scoutmaster and many other positions of service in the community.



Gary Smith ('75), 72, went to be with the Lord on January 10, 2022. Gary and Dianne planted the church in Thorndale, Texas, and worked in Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky and Oklahoma preaching and teaching. He taught and baptized over 1,000 people. Gary was loved by young and old when he established a pontoon boat ministry in Kingston for those on the lake.



Thomas Smith ('72), 80, of California, Kentucky, passed away February 24, 2022. After serving in the Air Force, getting his associates from the Ohio College of Applied Science, attending Sunset School of Preaching, and serving many churches, Tom and his wife, Ruth, made their way to Northern Kentucky.



Wayford Smith ('66) of Beamsville, Ontario, passed away December 24, 2021. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 69 years, Wilma (Atchley), and his children.

Hollis Maynard was born June 6, 1932, in Happy, Texas. He went to be with the Lord on April 15, 2022. After growing up in west Texas, Hollis decided to attend Harding College. It was there that he met and fell in love with Ernestine Latterner. Upon graduation the newlyweds moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he served as the full-time minister to the deaf congregation at Park Avenue Church of Christ. In 1958 they moved to Louisville, KY where he preached to the deaf at Taylor Boulevard Church of Christ and taught deaf students in the public schools. He furthered his education by getting his master's degree in deaf education from the University of Louisville in 1970.

In 1977 he was asked to move to Lubbock, Texas, to begin a program at Sunset School of Preaching to train men to preach to the deaf. Hundreds of his students are preaching and interpreting for deaf people across the globe. He served the Sunset Church of Christ and the School of Preaching until 2011. After retirement, he and Ernestine moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and became active members at The Park Church of Christ.

Hollis was a vital part of the Sunset family for decades, and he, along with Bob Anderson, trained those who desired to minister to the deaf and the hearing impaired. Hollis excelled in languages, studying Spanish, German, Greek, Hebrew, and American Sign Language. Hollis traveled around the world teaching in sign language.



Greg Taylor (SAIM '07), 74, passed July 2, 2022, in Plainview, Texas, after a six-year battle with dementia. Greg and Dawn moved to Lubbock to study in Sr. AIM after her daughter went through AIM. Dawn worked in SIBI's finance department for 12 years.

Ronda Thomas (AIM '73), 67, passed away peacefully April 10, 2022, six months after she was diagnosed with brain cancer. She moved to Lubbock, Texas, in 1973 for Adventures in Missions. While there, she met the love of her life, Jerry Thomas. Both served as missionaries in Dublin, Ireland.



Leibert Walters ('75), 85, died January 26, 2022, in Mitchellville, Maryland. Born in Jamaica, Leibert moved to the United States and attended Sunset and served as a minister at 20th & Birch Street Church of Christ. In 1979 he became the minister for the East Capitol Street Church of Christ in Washington, DC. Even after his retirement in 2007, Leibert and Verna remained active with that congregation.



Van Webb (Missions '83), 66, went home to be with the Lord on November 23, 2020. Van and PJ spent three years as missionaries in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the Hyvots Bank Church of Christ.



Gregg Whitacre ('66), 78, died February 23, 2021, in Spring, Texas. Gregg served as a missionary, minister, and vocational evangelist along with his wife Sharon.



Nancy Wilson ('93), 84, of Lubbock, Texas, went home to be with the Lord December 12, 2021. Nancy was a member of the deaf congregation at the Sunset Church of Christ of Lubbock, Texas. Nancy's son, Dennis, is the director of SIBI's Deaf Ministry Training.



(SIBI supporters Lee Battey, Jerry Tarbet, Sue Flowers, and Wanda Parker also went home to be with their Lord this year.)

NEW FACES AT SIBI

BRANDON AARON

Brandon Aaron is a '10 graduate of SIBI. After working in ministry for a while, Brandon and his wife, Erin, moved to Lubbock to raise their two girls. Brandon and Erin have led the Audio/Visual team for the Sunset Church of Christ and continue to be very active with the congregation. Brandon joined SIBI in February of 2022 to be a technician with Advancement. He is working with Jeff Rader, Director of Advancement Operations, to maintain various online websites. He is also overseeing the preparation of solar players as they get ready for distribution.



PAIGE BALDRIDGE

Paige Baldrige began working as the bookkeeper for the SIBI Bookstore in November 2021. Less than a month after she began to work for SIBI, Paige's husband, Randy, passed away after a long battle with dementia. Paige has two daughters and has taken some Sr. AIM classes through the years. Paige is the daughter of Rilda Perry Yocham and has been familiar with SIBI for many years. Paige is excited to be a part of the bookstore.



CLIFTON FOX

Clifton Fox is a '79 graduate of Sunset and was one of the earliest to graduate from Sunset with a Master of Biblical Studies degree, which he completed in 2011. Clif is joining the International Department and is learning about overseeing schools in Africa. Clif will continue to live in Groesbeck, Texas, where he has served as the minister for many years. Clif and his wife, Brenda, are excited to begin this new chapter in their ministry.



BRITTON PRUITT

Britton Pruitt graduated from SIBI in '98 and ministered with his wife Sharon in east Texas for three years. Since 2019, Britton had been in development at the Albuquerque Christian Children's Home. In January 2022, Britton joined the Advancement Department as the Director of Church Development. Britton is reaching out to churches to develop a closer relationship and provide resources where SIBI can help meet needs. Britton and Sharon have a son and a daughter and are excited to be working with SIBI.



SAD FAREWELLS

RON FOX

In May, SIBI said farewell to Ron Fox. Ron had been serving our International Department by overseeing the distribution of solar players. Ron moved to Lubbock in 2017 after retiring as an architect from Wichita Falls, Texas. Ron had already been very active with SIBI's international schools, having taught in Seoul, South Korea, and at the Ukrainian Bible Institute many times. Ron ensured that the solar players were kept in stock in the appropriate languages and coordinated volunteers who loaded the Bible study material onto the players. Ron also oversaw the processing of registration cards returned from each of the recipients of the solar players. Brandon Aaron is assuming Ron's previous responsibilities with the solar players. Ron was able to go on a solar player distribution trip to Brazil in June. He and his wife, Patti, returned to Wichita Falls to be closer to family.



Above: Ron Fox with Zane Perkins and Doug Reeves in Brazil delivering solar players. Top left: Ron with Truitt as he prepares some of the many thousands of solar players for delivery. Middle left: Ron hugging Linda Wagner at Ron's going away party in May.

LINDA WAGNER

After 16 years of service, Linda Wagner retired from being the Office Manager for SIBI's Advancement Department. Linda began working under Bob Jackson, the first director of development for SIBI. Linda later served under Chris Swinford and later the co-directors of Advancement, Zane Perkins and Jeff Rader. Linda was a blessing to the work at Sunset because she cared so much for people. Linda made connections with so many alumni and donors over the years. She learned how to do desktop publishing and assisted with many flyers and publications for SIBI including *Lifeline*. Linda oversaw the refreshments for many workshops over the past decade. She also taught a beginning ASL class when Rebecca Shelt took maternity leave in 2021. For the past 10 years, almost every reception or faculty event included a gourmet cake created by Linda that was both beautiful to look at and wonderful to eat. SIBI will miss her wonderful smile and the way she cared for everyone and showed the love of Christ.



Pictured right: the book cakes Linda created for Gerald Paden's retirement party. Pictured left: Linda smiling from her desk at the Advancement office.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR SENIOR ADVENTURES IN MINISTRY



Since 1995, Senior Adventures in Ministry has been led by Stuart and Cecilia Jones. Senior AIM began from their vision to provide training for Christians who had retired but still wanted opportunities to grow and serve. Over the past 27 years, over 300 seniors have taken classes and enjoyed growing in their knowledge of the Lord. Senior AIMers have traveled around the world and served in many areas including preaching, teaching Bible classes, leading VBS, church planting, and more. Despite COVID, Senior AIM continues to meet over Zoom and has been able to reach students around the country and even into Scotland.

At the end of 2021, Stuart stepped down as the director of the program he began. They were honored at the Faculty Honors Banquet in November. SIBI is grateful to Stuart and Cecilia for starting Senior AIM and giving so many years to its ministry.

In the spring of 2022, Gary and Amy Witcher moved to Lubbock from McPherson, Kansas, where Gary had been preaching for 13 years, to become the second director of Senior AIM. Gary joins the rest of the Senior AIM faculty, Assistant Director, Brian Garnett, and Ed Wharton, who shares the teaching responsibility. Gary and Amy graduated from Sunset's School of Missions in 1979 and served as missionaries in Italy for seven years. Following their time in Italy, Gary preached in Watertown, South Dakota, for 23 years before moving to McPherson in 2009. They have three daughters who have all done ministry or mission work. One of their daughters is Toni Burns, the wife of Director of Adventures in Missions, Cory Burns.

SIBI is excited to see what the next phase of Senior AIM will bring as the Witchers and the Garnetts continue the legacy begun by the Joneses.



Top: the Joneses receiving a plaque at the Faculty Honors Banquet for their service to Sr. AIM. Middle: a group of Sr. AIMers traveling to Scotland in 2017. Bottom: a group of Sr. AIMers with Christians in Singapore in 2019. Pictured left: Gary and Amy Witcher.

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