

The Front-where is it?

After pastoring over 25 years in the USA, starting 17 Christian schools and operating one of my own for over 19 of those years, being sued by a Baptist preacher, starting 3 Baptist churches, having my life threatened for preaching the gospel, weathering the storms of dissatisfied, backslidden, deacons and church members who tried to run me off on 3 occasions, raising six children, staying married to and still loving the same woman for 37 years, being ostracized by the local unions of the Pharisees for believing the old King James Bible, backstabbed by my own Bible school students whom I fed both spiritually and physically, staying at my last church for 17 years, making all kinds of ministry “mistakes” and now on deputation as a missionary for the past 20 months while at the same time working on the foreign field 30% of that time—I am convinced more than ever that THE FRONT is “the regions beyond.” (There are *some* at home.)

We are in a war. In a war there are many jobs. **ALL** of them are important. Recruitment, training, supply, transportation and communication are essential. Without them you lose the war. But there is a difference between the front and other areas.

I know it gets “rough as a cob” here at times. I know it from experience. But there is no way the spiritual darkness of America can be equated to that of Asia or the heathen tribal jungles. The logistics of the battle is easier here. Language and culture barriers are almost nonexistent in the USA when compared to working in a steamy jungle with no roads, stores, phones, or co-workers.

With all of our sins and battles in the USA, America is still the most wonderful *and easiest* country in the world to live in. I do not belittle any work in this land or any preacher in this land, but the battle rages hot in those areas where satan has his way. No Bible exists in over 3,000 languages. Where there is a Bible translated, there is no worker to teach it. Over 95% of them remain here to labor among English speaking peoples.

Think of it. A young minister, in the prime of health, taking one of 30 churches in a USA city, while there are at least 300,000,000 in other lands who have never heard the name of Jesus. All of this is done while claiming to follow the One who died for *all* and is not willing that *any* should perish..