

BE A BRINGER

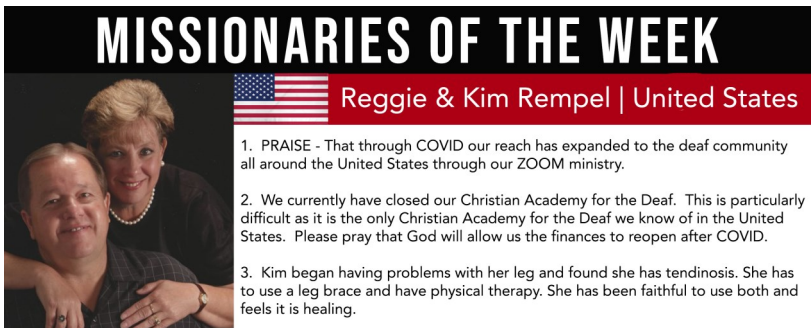
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
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1. PRAISE - That through COVID our reach has expanded to the deaf community all around the United States through our ZOOM ministry.
2. We currently have closed our Christian Academy for the Deaf. This is particularly difficult as it is the only Christian Academy for the Deaf we know of in the United States. Please pray that God will allow us the finances to reopen after COVID.
3. Kim began having problems with her leg and found she has tendinitis. She has to use a leg brace and have physical therapy. She has been faithful to use both and feels it is healing.

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Handout: 07/19/20

Study: 07/26/20

Finding Home With Heaven

Heaven is indeed a real place. The Bible tells us that heaven is God’s throne (Isaiah 66:1; Acts 7:48-49; Matthew 5:34-35). After Jesus’ resurrection and appearance on earth to His disciples, “He was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56). “Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; He entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence” (Hebrews 9:24). Jesus not only went before us, entering on our behalf, but He is alive and has a present ministry in heaven, serving as our high priest in the true tabernacle made by God (Hebrews 6:19-20; 8:1-2).

We are also told by Jesus Himself that there are many rooms in God’s house and that He has gone before us to prepare a place for us. We have the assurance of His word that He will one day come back to earth and take us to where He is in heaven (John 14:1-4). Our belief in an eternal home in heaven is based on an explicit promise of Jesus. Heaven is most definitely a real place. Heaven truly does exist.

When people deny the existence of heaven, they deny not only the written Word of God, but they also deny the innermost longings of their own hearts. Paul addressed this issue in his letter to the Corinthians, encouraging them to cling to the hope of heaven so that they would not lose heart. Although we “groan and sigh” in our earthly state, we have the hope of heaven always before us and are eager to get there (2 Corinthians 5:1-4). Paul urged the Corinthians to look forward to their eternal home in heaven, a perspective that would enable them to endure hardships and disappointments in this life. “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

Just as God has put in men’s hearts the knowledge that He exists (Romans 1:19-20), so are we “programmed” to desire heaven. It is the theme of countless books, songs, and works of art. Unfortunately, our sin has barred the way to heaven. Since heaven is the abode of a holy and perfect God, sin has no place there, nor can it be tolerated. Fortunately, God has provided for us the key to open the doors of heaven—Jesus Christ (John 14:6). All who believe in Him and seek forgiveness for sin will find the doors of heaven swung wide open for them. May the future glory of our eternal home motivate us all to serve God faithfully and wholeheartedly.

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KEY VERSE

Revelation 21:10 (NKJV)

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Revelation 21

Introduction

1. What do you think heaven will be like? How well does it match what you read in Revelation 21?
2. What aspect of heaven do you most look forward to?

Tuesday: Revelation 21:1-2; John 14:2-3; Philippians 3:20

Heaven Will Be A Real And Eternal Home

3. How can you tell from today's scripture reading that heaven is a real place?
4. Philippians 3:20 states that "our citizenship is in heaven". How should this impact the way you view our world?

Wednesday: Revelation 21:3; I John 3:1-2; Matthew 8:11

Heaven Will Be A Relational Home

5. What will our relationship with God be like in heaven based upon today's scripture readings?
6. God wants a relationship with you now and forever. What impact should it have in our lives that our relationship with God will last forever?

Thursday: Revelation 21:4-8; Romans 8:18; Hebrews 4:9

Heaven Will Be A Relief Home

7. What are some situations in your life that you look forward to having relief from?
8. How can our hope in heaven help us through life's difficult trials?
9. Revelation 21:6, says that God will "will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts". How will heaven satisfy your needs?

Friday: Revelation 21:27; John 3:36; John 5:24

Heaven Will Be A Restricted Home

10. If someone were to ask you how to get to heaven, how would you answer?
11. One popular but incorrect belief is that it is our good works or being a good person that gets us to heaven. Why is this incorrect?
12. Our opportunity to evangelize and share the Gospel with those around us is now on earth. List people in your life who need to hear the Gospel and pray for God to give you the opportunity to share with them.