

## 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

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## Pergamum: Growing In Truth

Revelation 2:16

In this verse Jesus commands the church at Pergamum to change its mind about the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans. If there is no repentance, Jesus will visit the church soon—in this context, meaning "suddenly"—and fight against the unrepentant members. He will judge them with the sword of His mouth, the Word of God.

God does not tolerate false doctrine and immorality in the church. Christians who try to harmonize biblical teaching and godly living with corrupt doctrine and immoral living learn the hard way that the two do not mix. They place themselves under swift chastisement at the hand of Jesus, the Head of the Church. Instead of rebuking the moral and spiritual darkness that filled Pergamum, the church at Pergamum compromised its purity by allowing the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans to fester in the assembly. False teaching has a greater capacity to damage a church from within than from the outside.

Resource: [Bibleref.com](http://Bibleref.com)

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bud & Pam McCord | Brazil



### PRAISE

- We have just completed our new ministry office which we are calling The Jesus Christ Institute. Besides being our new work space, we will also use our office as a place to make disciples, teach, make videos, counsel and deliver Jesus' love.
- We have been blessed by the visit of our eldest son Ken, his wife Kellie and daughter, Kayla.

### PRAY

- Pray for us to pay attention to God and keep receiving from our Lord, each person and opportunity that He wants to send to us.
  - Pray for continued good health.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and joy for us and for over 40 couples and individuals who we consider "fruit that remains." They are living and teaching others to abide in Jesus Christ, to keep Him at the Center of their circumference of love.

## KEY VERSE

Revelation 2:16 (NKJV)

*“Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.”*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Rev. 2:12; Rev. 1:16; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12; John 17:17**

### Respect The Authority Of The Bible

1. Revelation 2:12 makes reference to *“He who has the sharp two-edged sword.”* Who is *“He”* that holds the sword? What does it represent?
2. Hebrews 4:12 gives us some more insight into question number 1. What is one of our best weapons of defense against temptation and our enemy?

**Tuesday: Revelation 2:13a; John 17:15**

### Realize God Is With You In This Evil World

3. Revelation 2:13a refers to Pergamum *“where Satan’s throne is.”* How does this verse allude to worshipping false idols and Jesus’ power against them?
4. What comfort should we take from John 17:15 and our God who desires to *“keep us from the evil one”*?

**Wednesday: Revelation 2:13b; Genesis 3:1; Jude 1:3b**

### Remain Steadfast In The Faith

5. What are we being called to in Revelation 2:13b? To *“what level”* of Faith?
6. What warning should we take from Genesis 3:1? Who is trying to destroy our faith? What does Jude 1:3b teach us in terms of *“contending”* for our faith?

**Thursday: Revelation 2:14-16; II Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:1**

### Repent Of Any Compromise

7. How have false doctrines encouraged people to commit sin according to Revelation 2:14? Have YOU ever been swayed to compromise your faith?
8. While II Timothy 3:16 clearly confirms for us that ALL Scripture is inspired by the one true God, what is its purpose in our life according to this verse?
9. Titus 2:1 commands us to speak only *“sound doctrine”* from our lips. What should our tolerance be for doctrine that is false?

**Friday: Revelation 2:17; John 6:48-51; I John 2:1-2**

### Rejoice In Your Relationship With Jesus

10. Jesus calls out in Revelation 2:17; *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”* What promise does He then make to us?
11. *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven ? If anyone eats this bread he will live forever.”* How should this verse impact us as believers?
12. How would YOU summarize I John 2:1-2? What powerful promise does Jesus make to us here, and how does it encourage us to be closer to Him?