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Dear Pastor, Church and All Supporters,



Psalms 37:23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

My wife and I are in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea as I write this report, some weeks have passed since our last report therefore I will strive to fill in the spaces and connect the dots for you in what has taken place in our lives and that of the work.

As I reflect upon the events that have happened in time and place I would ask each one who may read this report to ask themselves a question or series of questions...Is the LORD in control of some of the things in the lives of GOD'S people, or all the things in the lives of some of the people, or all the things in all the lives of all people?

We Sovereign Grace / Landmark Baptist hold to a position in the bible, which should permeate every detail and fiber of our lives, however I have found that many who say they believe this doctrine that GOD Jehovah is Sovereign do not apply in everyday usage what they preach. Every detail, ever foot step, every halt, your hair cannot fall out nor your skin grow new cells, a slip "I almost fell, or I could have been hit by that truck", or If I had not been late", so all the 'if's, but's, maybe's should have, could have, would have's go right out the window when it comes to GOD'S Sovereignty, either GOD IS Sovereign over 'all things' or just some things...now which, is it?

When you get that answered then muse over the rest of this report.

I would like to share with you some history in the mission work, which many of you have assisted me over the years. The time is 1996, I went to Malawi Africa, no home, no property, no vehicle, but the LORD was on my side. I had no residency and I had no one in Malawi that was going to employ me.

With this introduction, I would like now to ask you the reader what do you think it takes to do mission work in another country? Is it simply you pack your gear, buy your ticket and take the journey to that country, arrive and tell Immigration, I am here to do mission work, and they just open the gate and let you in and bid you 'God's speed'?



That would be nice, and save much time, energy, headaches, and money, however that is not the way things are done. We are dealing with governments and they have laws, regulations, and demands, which if not met usually end up being very expensive in many different ways to satisfy.

I recently made a trip to my home church before returning to PNG and I wanted them to understand some things that I have faced over the years and felt that if I could just share with them what the LORD has allowed and directed then perhaps it might help to understand some of the concerns and issues which I have had to face in the past months.

My pastor then said to me that report should go in writing, and so now I am taking his advice and doing so. This report might help you understand some things, which, have never been told.

The following details are tagged to my life and unfold just a little about my story, I understand that different mission fields have different needs, and different approaches, however NO mission field which is engaged in under another Republic, which is not your home country will require certain legalities to be met and strictly adhered to otherwise severe penalties usually are meted out.

Those of you who have never departed the borders of the US, need to understand that its not just moving to another State, and its not just packing a few things to fly on holiday to Hawaii and visiting a South Pacific Island, with sun, sand and sea, coconuts to drink and so on.

I feel that many times many want to hear about the mission trips, the LORD saving people, the baptisms, and the churches which are established, however much is missed to you (the reader) to not know or learn about the lives of those who have sacrificed themselves for the LORD'S work often times in great difficulty, and great distress. Paul wrote much about his own sufferings, and personal life, it has been recorded for all eternity and for all to read, who do read.

I have often times never told what it took or takes to do the LORD'S work where I have laboured, concerned that some or maybe more will think that it is a complaint or warrant for 'pity' perhaps not but none the less I have often heard some expressing such feelings.



I will share, and you decided as you read what you would do in similar conditions.

My entry into Malawi was approved on a ninety day visitors visa, based upon Immigration determining that I had no organization that had employed me and that our mission was not yet established. Do not think you simply tell Immigration you are employed by or through your home church, that is incomplete. Ninety days were used to find a place to stay, start the process of acquiring a P.O. Box; No business will be entertained (in many countries) unless you have a PO Box. There was a two year wait list, another question... (Is corruption Biblically wrong?) I think so, is it morally wrong, I think so – so what now? How do you get a PO Box in three months when you are on a wait list for two years? Is God Sovereign? To be continued...