

BE A BRINGER

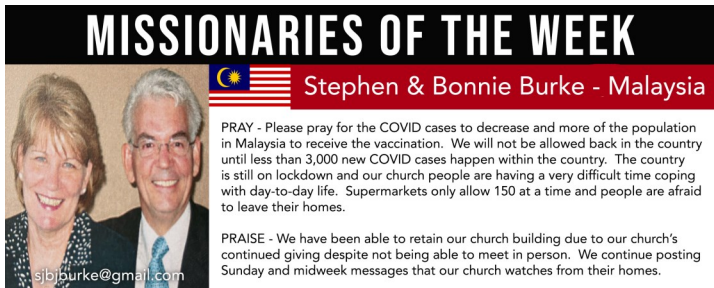
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

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

 Stephen & Bonnie Burke - Malaysia

PRAY - Please pray for the COVID cases to decrease and more of the population in Malaysia to receive the vaccination. We will not be allowed back in the country until less than 3,000 new COVID cases happen within the country. The country is still on lockdown and our church people are having a very difficult time coping with day-to-day life. Supermarkets only allow 150 at a time and people are afraid to leave their homes.

PRAISE - We have been able to retain our church building due to our church's continued giving despite not being able to meet in person. We continue posting Sunday and midweek messages that our church watches from their homes.

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Study: 11/07/21

Happy Are The Hungry

What happens to those who hunger and thirst? “They shall be filled” (KJV). Filled is a super word. It’s used to describe foddering up an animal. It means to be absolutely satisfied. God wants to make us happy and satisfied. Satisfied with what? What are we hungry for? What are we thirsting for? Righteousness.

Isn’t this a great paradox? You’re satisfied but never satisfied. My wife makes a good lemon cream pie, a special kind. I’m always so satisfied when I eat that pie, but I always want more. I’m full, but I always want more because what I’ve already eaten makes me desire it. So it is with righteousness. We are filled, and the filling is so sweet and so rich and so full that we want more.

When we seek God’s righteousness, He grants it. Psalm 107:9 says, “He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.” King David wrote “But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing” (Psalm 34:10).” In Psalm 23, he noted “I shall not want,” and “My cup overflows” (vv. 1, 5). Jeremiah 31:14 says, ““My people shall be satisfied with My goodness,” declares the Lord.”

In John 4:14 Jesus told the woman at the well, “Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst.” In John 6:35, He said, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger.”

Jesus satisfies, and yet there is a blessed dissatisfaction that wants even more and will be satisfied only when we see Jesus Christ. A kingdom person has a consuming ambition, not for power or pleasure, not for possessions or praise, but for righteousness.

Are you satisfied with yourself? The Puritans used to say, “He has the most need of righteousness who least wants it.” Do you find yourself in Romans 7 all the time, saying, “Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?” Or are you so self-righteous that you think everybody else is wrong and you’re right? If there is in you any sense of self-satisfaction, I wonder whether you know what it is to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Do you feel a constant pain of always falling short? That’s a symptom of one who seeks God’s way.

Does anything external satisfy you? Do you find that things have an influence on how you feel? Do you fill your appetite with the wrong stuff and then lose that appetite? A hunger for righteousness will be satisfied with nothing else.

Do you have a great appetite for the Word of God? The rules, the obedience of which brings about righteousness, are in His Word. If you’re hungering and thirsting after righteousness, you will have such an appetite for the Word that you will devour it.

Source: The Only Way To Happiness by John MacArthur

KEY VERSE

Matthew 5:6 (NKJV)

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.”*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Haggai 1:6b-7; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; Luke 12:15

Stop Eating Spiritual Junk Food

1. What are some things that you have tried to fill yourself with that led to emptiness?
2. How do the hunger and thirst for righteousness resemble physical hunger and thirst?

Tuesday: Matthew 5:6a; Ecclesiastes 2:13; Psalm 42:1-2a, 17:15

Find Satisfaction Through Righteousness

3. Why does unrighteousness lead to chronic dissatisfaction?
4. List reasons why God is satisfying. Pray and thank Him for who He is.

Wednesday: Matthew 5:6b; Psalm 107:8-9; John 4:14, 6:48-58

You Will Be “Blessed” And “Filled”

5. How has God kept His promise to fill you when you hunger and thirst for righteousness?
6. How can hunger and thirsting for righteousness lead to Godly happiness?

Thursday: Romans 3:10-12, 9:30-10:4; II Corinthians 5:21

Get Right With God Through Salvation

7. What does today’s scripture readings teach us about righteousness?
8. Why is it futile for people to try and establish their own righteousness?
9. How has receiving salvation made you happy?

Friday: II Timothy 3:16; Matt. 6:33; Acts 17:11; I Peter 2:1-2

Stay Right With God Through Scriptures

10. What does today’s scripture readings teach us about the importance of the Bible?
11. In what areas of your character do you long to see more righteousness?
12. What is your plan to grow in your faith and in Godliness?