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RICKY LEONARD MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

FANNING THE FLAMES

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM

*God wants to know you and talk with you. He wants you to have his peace. But **all have sinned** and come short of God. This is how **God demonstrated that he loved us**: he sent Jesus to pay the price for us. Why did Jesus have to die for our sin? Because **the wages of sin is death**. Jesus died the death penalty instead of us. What do you have to do? Make Jesus Lord of your life and believe that he died on the cross and **was raised from the dead for you**; Then say with your mouth you believe! Pray: "I believe in Jesus. Take my life and do something with it." That's it!*

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PREACHING THE GOSPEL ALL OVER THE WORLD, WE SEE MIRACLES AND HEALING EVERYWHERE WE GO!

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Bishop Emmanuel Soni and Astrid Soni

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In June, I traveled to Calais, France where I participated in a gospel music and evangelism outreach which was organized by Bishop Emmanuel Mukwenze Soni and his wife Astrid Soni. They are wonderful ministers of the gospel with a fantastic testimony of God's deliverance and saving power. Ricky and I came to know them when as a result of persecution in their home country of Congo and facing death, they were denied reentry into Congo, and their visa cancelled. They were stuck in Durham NC, being sponsored by a church there as they waited for their appeal for asylum to be approved by the US. That was many years ago and the friendship endures.

In 2019, the Soni's invited Sarah and I to join them to reach Calais, France. During that trip the Lord impressed upon us how important it was to the Lord to bring the gospel back to France. This year they returned to reach Calais to preach the good news and to strengthen the

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small group of believers there. I knew at the beginning of this year that I was supposed to go on this mission to reach Calais, and to support what the Soni Restoration Ministries was doing there.

The enemy was not sleeping on this one as he attacked in several annoying ways. On the morning of the festival, the police stopped our group from setting up saying we were in the wrong place and wanted to see the permit which a local pastor had obtained. The sound system and musical instruments were delayed and didn't arrive at our stage until 6 pm. The tracts that had been printed for this event had not yet been cut, and someone had to take them to have them cut and folded. The T-shirts that had been ordered didn't show up until after the concert had started. And yet, even with all the annoyances, the music started and the lost gathered to hear the wonderful music so that the volunteers were able to share and pray the prayer of salvation with so many. The enemy could not stop what God wanted to get done! We were celebrating and praising God for what was accomplished!

The Bishop, Astrid, and their son Salem will be some of the speakers at this year's mission conference. We are excited to have these dynamic evangelists and apostles of the faith. The 2025 Mission Conference theme is "shine your light," and our aim is to encourage every believer to be a witness for Jesus. We are expecting our best conference ever!

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August 14th

Mary Leonard speaking

At FGBMFI, Wilmington

McAllisters Deli @ 6:30 PM

Monthly

Podcast

"Becoming the Victorious Church"

This year's conference theme is "shine your light." We are encouraging every believer to go and make disciples. Hear from guest speakers and worship leaders from around the world. See you all there!