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*“But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit **with patience.**” (Luke 8:15)*

*“And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. **In your patience possess ye your souls.**”  
(Luke 21:16-19)*

*“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **And patience, experience; and experience, hope:** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”  
(Romans 5:1-5)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Thank you for standing for truth and staying faithful to the Word of God. Thank you for letting your light shine in this dark age we now live in. I am not waiting for times to get better; I am watching times get worse. One thing is needful and that is patience; patience to believe in the Bible and stay faithful to its instructions and demands. We, as Believers, need to wait on God and not be motivated by the evil times we live in. Noah was patient in building the Ark when all around him was immorality and unbelief! Moses was patient when the children of Israel he was guiding out of Egypt into the Promise Land only wanted to play and to feast.

The new “Drive Through” culture we now live in has deteriorated not only in quality of the product that is served but also in the quality of service which is offered. Tips are almost demanded no matter how good the service is and some church life is not much different than the fast food business. If you want something good you need patience to wait for it.

When Moses was leading the people out of Egypt they did not want to wait on God but expected to have everything handed to them without having to exercise any faith and “wait”! Exodus 14:22 *“And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.”* Exodus 15:21-24 *“And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went **three days in the wilderness**, and found no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter:*

*therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?"*

Just "three days" after God had opened up the way for them to flee their captors and enemy, they were blaming the preacher for bitter times. No patience! They shouted and sang and then murmured and complained because God expected them to trust in Him and have faith. Just three days and the miracle had lost its value because they were impatient. If you read Exodus and Numbers, there are event after event where these Pilgrims heading to the Promise Land proved time and time again that they were carnal followers of God and had no patience to wait and trust in His word. It was the "Promised" Land they were headed to, not the give me now fleshly experiences while walking with their God! And of the 600,000 men only 2 entered into the Promise Land. Do not follow the crowd but follow His cloud and with patience wait on God! Do not depend on "miracles" to get you through this life but wait on God for His leading. It is a sad day while attending a church a pilgrim is encouraged to get in the fast lane or get run over rather than waiting for the moving of the Spirit and be led into a holy walk with their Redeemer! Singing has become entertainment and not worship! Church has become fellowship with man and not fellowship with God! Patience has become waiting for the end of service before the restaurants fill up instead of waiting for the altars of praying and repentance!

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*"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:28-31)*

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No, Brothers and Sisters, humans have not changed much since Noah's and Moses' day and patience is still "demanded" by a Holy God to make it to the His Promise Land! You cannot purchase this experience with tips "money" but if you tarry for God you will have treasure in Heaven waiting for you when you make it home!

Miracles will not lead people to His Promise Land but Mission will! We together can invest in souls and not in houses and lands! The Word of God is our guide and the Holy Ghost will bring to life that Word and make it a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path! Miracles & Missions Digest has been proclaiming for 62 years to hope in God and not in man or self. Your contributions are sending this digest to over 30,000 including some 6,000 prisoners all across the United States of America. As we wait for our redemption, let us all be faithful to the mission He left unto all followers and be patient as He builds His church! *"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."* (James 5:7-8)

Please pray for Brother Skinner as age creeps on and my heart becomes weaker. I cannot accomplish what I am accustomed to here at the Bible Plant and keep up with the Prison Ministry and responsibilities towards Madagascar. The elderly Saints understand what I am experiencing as we walk with our God; patiently awaiting to go home.

God bless you and thank you,

*Brother Jack M. Skinner*

*“Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation; But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.” (Romans 15: 20-21)*

Dear Brother SKINNER,

GRACE and PEACE be to you from GOD our FATHER, and from the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

It's always a joy for us, the Board, to share with you the ongoing of the various programs concerning HIS labors. Apart from the Church constructions which take place in different localities, we would like to let you know the continuing effort of evangelization done by the churches. Overall the Provinces, souls are hungry of the Bread of Life. From now on, we'll try to send photos which speak by themselves, the effort of the preachers and the thirst of the souls.

On the other hand, we always remember you Dear Brother, and IBA in our prayers, and of courses all of yours. Things that touch you touch us. We are one in the Lord. We love you.

Faithfully yours in JESUS CHRIST.      The Board

### Preaching in the deep South



Men determined to listen to the Word



Evangelization in the market place



I received this email and photos from the Board in Madagascar on October 1, 2018, after I had the October Thank You Letter completed. Can you see why Brother Skinner remains at the Bible Plant laboring for these souls and those incarcerated in prisons across our land? Do you see why I support these Malagasy Brothers and Sisters who are reaching those in darkness and providing them with the Word of God and constructing churches as speedily as they can as IBA provides the needed finances donated by you? We here in American can lift up our eyes and look on the fields and do all we can from our luxury to give so that others can hear and be saved!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Brothers and Sisters

*Brother Jack M. Skinner*