

HighWay Ministries+ International

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The Power of Love

As we approach the month filled with boxes of candies, cupids and roses, I feel compelled to take a moment and share with you some thoughts on the most powerful expression we can extend to others - love. Missy and I had our first date on Valentine's twenty years ago, and I am so glad that she said, Yes! That decision has defined so many countless moments since, and our love for one another has only grown!

Many of you know that our English language is more limited compared to the number of words for 'love' we find in Greek. We say that we love our cat, our kids and ice cream...but hopefully not on the same level. I can honestly say that I love my wife deeply, but to what extent does that love run out if it only comes from a human

capacity to love. Is there something more eternal? Maybe even more tangible and powerful than what can merely originate within the emotions of my soul?

God created us to love and to be loved.

When we allow the 'Agape' love of God to penetrate our heart, in turn we find an enlarged capacity to love others well. This unconditional love was demonstrated to perfection as God extended to us the greatest gift of redemption through Jesus' sacrificial atonement of our sins on the cross. Because love has been demonstrated to us first, we can now extend it to our family and friends as well as complete strangers or even our enemies. Now that's amazing! To genuinely love others who have not or maybe cannot earn it from you. Like Christ, you freely hold it out available for all to experience. In 1 Peter 4:8 we read that we should keep loving one another above all else because that kind of love covers a multitude of sins! It dissolves grudges and bitterness. It destroys bigotry, prejudices and pridefulness. It's that powerful! So, in this season as you continue to develop your faith and hope for a fulfilling 2016, let the love of God become a present reality in your life. Let His thoughts toward others fill your heart and escape into every conversation that arises. - Pastor Steve

Vision for Uganda

This coming July, HWMI is planning another trip to Africa! Our goal is to build on the success of our first Impacting Pastors Conference that was held in Uganda in 2014. With over 150 area pastors in attendance, we see the need to extend our influence further north and west in Uganda as well as east into Kenya. Each conference can be hosted (supplies, marketing and free meals for the attendees) for \$500 each. Our desire is to hold four separate conferences this summer: one in Kampala, Jinja, Lira as well as one in northwest Kenya. The demand is great! Pastors and church leaders in that region of Africa are seeing many come to know Christ, but they themselves need more training and resources to correctly shepherd these new believers. We are currently forming a team to go and we are beginning the process of raising support for the trip. As with any missions trip, there are added costs of travel, lodging and food, so we ask each of you to consider supporting this vision through prayer and helping us to exceed our financial goals. The message of the gospel is being preached, and we are thrilled to invite you to be a part of it! Together we can make a difference!

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Pastor's Conference



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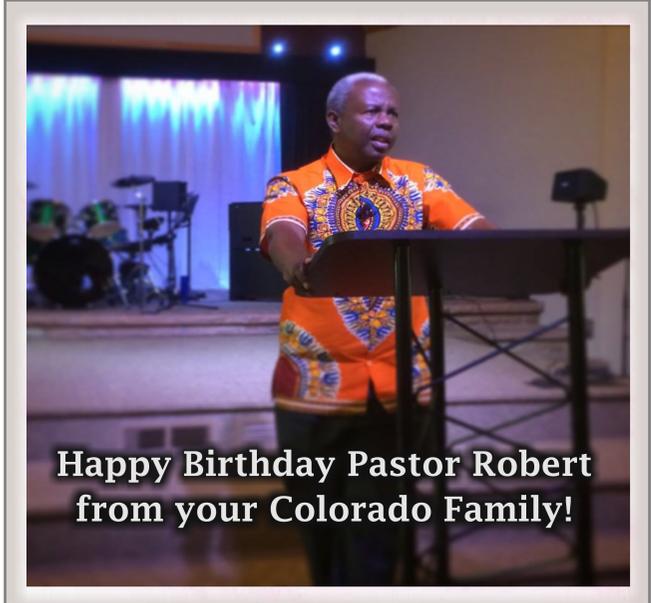


John 13:35 NASB "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Ministry Updates

Pastor Highlight

In 2012, the Lord led Steve to go to Jinja, Uganda for the first time. So much began on that first trip, but one of the highlights that has proven to be a God ordained moment, was meeting Pastor Robert Muhumuza. Since meeting him, Pastor Robert has been to Colorado twice to minister to Steve, Missy and their children, as well as Highway Community Church. He has been a source of wisdom and encouragement and has stepped into an Overseeing role of the Church in Boulder, CO. February 7 is Pastor Robert's Birthday, so we at HWMII want to wish him a Happy Birthday! We are believing for increase, wisdom and favor to rest on his life! Pastor Robert is a beautiful example of why it is so important to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit! You never know what waits for you on the other side of your obedience! Just obey Him...



Happy Birthday Pastor Robert from your Colorado Family!

Surge Update

In 2006, the Lord asked Steve to begin a ministry that would train up leaders in every area of life and to plant churches all over the world. From the beginning, HWMII chose to give a tithe of every gift that we receive toward supporting other ministries and organizations that fall under these categories. We have been honored to partner with Surge for several years now as they have planted over 200,000 international churches! As we give to them, we are helping to train people that can reach into their own cultures, tribes and areas of life with the good news of Jesus. They have helped to prepare pastors to plant churches in places like Africa, China, Asia and Russia, just to name a few. As you partner with HWMII, you are helping us give resources to this organization that is spreading the gospel all over the world! We are equipping the saints, and you are a part of it! Let's join together in prayer for our partners at Surge!

The House is coming to Rogers, AR

On February 14, 2016, one of HWMII's Board Members will be launching a new Church - The House! We are so excited to witness a vision becoming a reality and the heart of God for a city being revealed! Will you join us in praying over the Sexton's and their team as they begin this new chapter in their lives. Steve and Missy will be at the launch service and would love to see you there if you are in the area! 1704 West Industrial Ave. Rogers AR / Service Time: 11 AM



Leadership Goal

Leaders, do you ever feel as if the thing that God has spoken to you is never going to come to pass? Well, you are not alone! The Lord knew that we would be tempted to quit at times. When we open up His Word, we find Him telling us over and over again to deal with the fear that is trying to overcome us. He told Joshua to be full of courage, meditate on His Word day and night, and then to do ALL that was written, then he would have success in his assignment. The same goes for us! Our goal, as leaders, should be to trust God no matter what we see and to believe that anything is possible! Leaders, let's remove the fear! We can trust Him!

Can We Pray For You?

At HWMII, we want to be a resource of life and encouragement to you! If you are going through anything or you are seeking wisdom on a decision you are about to make, we would love to partner with you in prayer! Please send your prayer requests to missy@hwmi.info. Don't go through this season alone! Allow others to stand with you to see breakthrough take place in your life! We love you!

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