

September/October 2017

# ALAN HARRIS MINISTRIES

*So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. - 1 Thessalonians 2:6*

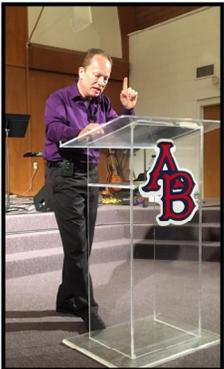


Dear Friends,

As we prepare this newsletter America is reeling from the tragic deaths and injuries in Las Vegas on Sunday, October 1. Our hearts are breaking by the sudden tragedy thrust upon hundreds of friends and family members of those involved in the shooting. At the same time, millions of people in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean Islands are struggling to recover from the recent devastation of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Jose. Mexicans are still picking up the pieces from the earthquake that killed 300 people September 19. The words of Proverbs 27:1 jump off the pages of Scripture as we can genuinely testify to the truth that we do not know what a day may bring forth.

One day, a worldwide event - the return of Christ, will affect every person on the globe. In Matthew 24:3, Jesus' disciples wanted to know when to expect His return. In the following chapters, Jesus reveals that His return will be the most shocking and unexpected event in history. Jesus taught that although we do not know what may happen tomorrow, we cannot allow fear to paralyze us. In chapters 24 and 25, we learn that we are to be busily anticipating His coming with wisdom, diligence, resourcefulness and integrity. In light of current events, what an opportunity we have to speak the truth in love to tell people how they can be ready for His kingdom harvest. And the blessed truth is that as we prepare our hearts for His return, we are also preparing our hearts for surprises we encounter in our lives each day. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and support as we continue to work to help people prepare for the most certain surprise ever to occur.

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy ministering in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Texas, and Ohio. There are always some who seem apathetic to even the most passionate presentation of the Gospel, but everywhere we go, we have been encouraged to encounter a number of people who are sincerely seeking to see a move of God in their churches, their families, and in their own lives. God's Word is powerful, His Spirit is real and He still changes lives!



One good surprise that we had in September was the opportunity to preach and sing in a chapel service at our own alma mater, Arlington Baptist University. Alan graduated from ABC 35 years ago, and we are happy to report that it is still actively preparing students to be world changers for Christ. We were thankful to be a part of that effort by encouraging the students to come clean before God and start their adult career training with confession, repentance and obedience to His word.

At the end of September we were blessed to minister with Pastor Jason Martin at Harmony Baptist Church in Marengo, Ohio. Jason's wife Tracy was a young girl when Angie was a teen at Grace Baptist Church in Marion, which is near Marengo. What a blessing to see God still working in the heart of a little girl that was in Angie's cabin when she was a teen counselor for junior camp! We were also thrilled to get to visit with Nick and Jane Comer who are faithful supporters of Alan Harris Ministries. Mr. Comer was Angie's principal and teacher in elementary school. Our good

friend, Gloria Hall, whom Angie became friends with when they were both teens at Grace Baptist Church, was also in attendance.



**Far Left:** Gloria Hall and Angie  
**Center:** Nick and Jane Comer, Angie and Alan  
**Far Right:** Julia, Tracy, and Pastor Jason Martin w/Alan and Angie





Alan had planned to travel to Texas last month to preach for a Pastor's fellowship meeting. As the date drew closer, we discovered that one of Alan's new friends from India was planning to be in Texas the following week. We quickly made some changes to our plans so that Alan could spend some time with him. They were able to record some valuable video footage about the work in India. Please pray for this dedicated servant of God as he is an integral part of the ministry in India. Before the Texas trip was over, Alan ended up with three more opportunities to preach and sing! God is good!

With sincere gratitude,  
*Alan and Angie Harris*

*Please allow us to share a personal need.* As some of you know, our oldest son Alex is married to a wonderful Filipina whom he met on a mission trip with us in 2014. They had a "courthouse wedding" in January 2016, at the town hall in Navotas, Ellain's home town in Metro Manila. Alex then returned home to his position as youth pastor at Landmark Church in Cincinnati. After much prayer and clear confirmation from God, Alex resigned his position at Landmark and went to Manila to live with his wife in November 2016, when they were also able to have a church wedding ceremony. Due to many unexpected delays, Ellain is still waiting for the approval of her US visa.

**Two important updates!!**

**First:** We are thankful to inform you that all required documents have finally been cleared through the National Visa Center!

**Second:** Ellain had been assigned a visa interview date of Oct. 17. However, at the required medical exam, Ellain was informed that there was an abnormality in an X-ray. She has been instructed to have more testing Oct. 10, 11, and 12. She was told that the cells that are being tested need time to cultivate, and that the results may not be known for two more months. The interview appointment is now pending until there is medical approval. Please pray that this situation will be quickly resolved.



We are so grateful to have friends who care about us and our family. Many of you have been impacted in the past by the ministry of our sons. You will always be a part of their lives and of who they are now. *If any of you would like to help in the remaining costs of the visa and travel expenses, we would be greatly appreciative.* If you want to donate to this need, you can use the enclosed reply card with a note that it is for Alex. You can also donate online at [alanharrisministries.org/donations.html](http://alanharrisministries.org/donations.html) with a note that it is for Alex. Any amount would be a blessing. Regardless, we ask that you pray with us for God's provision and our perseverance as we trust His perfect timing in this visa journey.

**PRAY FERVENTLY PRAY BELIEVING PRAY**

**-Mission trip to India March 5-17, 2018.**

We are actively raising support for this trip. We are still in need of \$3200.

**-Mission trip to the Philippines November 2018.**

Pray for the Philippines team to come together with just the right personnel that God wants to use.

Pray for God to prepare our hearts and the hearts of many more people in India and in the Philippines to receive the Gospel and to be born again into the family of God! We are excited about these doors of ministry that God has opened for us, and we want to go through them with energy and purpose and the power of the Holy Spirit while they remain open!

**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2017**

**Thank you for your prayers as we travel!**

- Oct 1-2: Open Door Church, Chambersburg, PA
- Oct 8: New Life Church, New Cumberland, PA
- Oct 15: Hillcrest Baptist Church, Richmond, IN
- Oct 22-AM: Good Shepherd Baptist Ch, Lafayette, IN
- Oct 29: First Baptist Church, Centerville, IN
- Nov 4: Glorybound TV taping, Richmond, IN
- Nov 5-AM: Harrison Ave Bapt Church, Harrison, OH
- Nov 12: Ramseur Baptist Church, Paris, TX
- Nov 14: Pleasantview Bapt Church, Arlington, TX
- Nov 18: Congregation Beth Simcha, San Antonio, TX
- Nov 19-AM: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Crane, TX
- Nov 26-AM: Marsh Ln Baptist Church, Dallas, TX