



The Spotlight - May 2021



This week, the song 'God Will Make a Way' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsMAXhcOQTs>) is uppermost in our minds because we're rejoicing and in awe of the way that God has made a way where there really didn't seem to be a way for me, Elaine, to travel to the US to attend our daughter, Leanne's, MBA/MSIS graduation on the 8th May. (Yes, writing our newsletter is one of my tasks, but in collaboration with Jim, of course!) This, because Fiji is in lockdown until 10th May and all international flights to and from Fiji until the 2nd May have been cancelled, a ban that is likely to be extended to the end of lockdown. However, at the 11th hour on Wednesday, 28th April - just one hour before it would have become impossible for me to receive a COVID test in time to travel, Fiji's Permanent Secretary for Health & Medical Services, Dr. James Fong, approved my request to be allowed on a charter flight going to LA, primarily for medical and cargo purposes, on 30th April. What a miracle and what a blessing! One thing, we're especially grateful for is the belief and prayers of those who held out for this outcome. We must admit to almost having lost hope, but thankfully, our belief that God always makes decisions in our long-term best interest was never shaken, so there were no tears, just thankfulness, but wow, today we say, "Thank you, Jesus, for this 'unbelievable' blessing!" I did cry but tears of joy!

We're on the brink of an amazing change of direction, too. God has revealed our new mission, which means this will be the last Spotlight to come wholly from Fiji - we will be apart for the next six weeks, but then reunited for visits with loved ones before we move to our new home in August. The official release has not been made yet, so we're not yet free to say where we will be moving, but for sure, we'll be able to reveal all before long, certainly by next month.

With this change, we're also making a change to our mailing list and from August, our Spotlight will only be mailed to those who opt in to receive it in this next season, so between now and July, we ask you to let us know if you want to be on the new mailing list.

As introduced last month, we began the new series called 'Stellar Sermons', so below, you'll find links to the last message in the Promise Collection and the first four sermons that we've classified as 'Stellar'. Listen to any one and you'll discover why. Remember, if you'd like to nominate any sermon to be considered for inclusion, please don't hesitate to email us with a link and a line or two about the speaker if not well known, and why you believe it should be included.

- [1. God Promises a Fresh Start - Jim Pounder](#)
- [2. My Own Resurrection - Francis Chan](#)
- [3. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit - Billy Graham](#)
- [4. Satan's Strategy: Overcoming the Devil - A Collection of Pastors](#)
- [5. The Christianity of Christ - Jeremy McKeen](#)

God bless you to continue staying safe and well, Jim & Elaine

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)

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