Peace At Last Ministries (PALM)

Sharing God's comfort with the terminally-ill, their loved ones and caregivers.

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A New Year!

"Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumph of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name."

Charles, brother of the better known, John Wesley, penned these words on the first anniversary of his conversion in 1738. He was suffering from Pleurisy at the time, a low ebb in his life. That's when acquaintance, Peter Böehler, a Moravian Church missionary, encouraged Charles with this statement,

"Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ Jesus with all of them."

In response, Wesley penned an 18-stanza poem. It was later distilled as lyrics for our timeless hymn, *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.

The words to this old hymn came to mind over the weekend as Kathleen and I quietly ushered in the New Year. Reflecting on God's great grace in my own life and on the fact that at 70-years of age I have more history than future on this planet, I thought to myself,

*"Oh, for a thousand **lives** to live…"*



But, phooey! I've only got the scant remains of *one* life! And I've only got *one* tongue *to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of God's name.* As for the 'singing' part, I'm only too glad to leave that to others. ☺

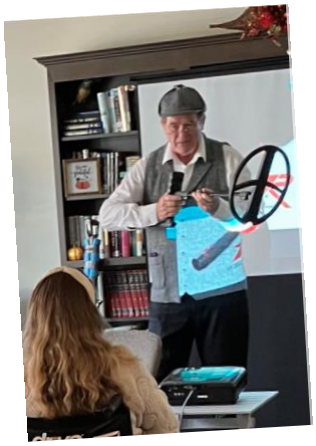
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Many opportunities exist in which to make known, *the glories of my God and King* and *the triumph of His grace.* Peace At Last Ministries continues by God's grace in 2024 as a channel for sharing God's comfort with the terminally-ill, their loved ones and caregivers.

Expanded Contacts: Having worked in numerous healthcare facilities as a hospice chaplain these past 5 years, I have now expanded my contacts in a volunteer capacity. Volunteering in this way gives liberty to visit many more patients and their families, this without the time restraints of government charting and reporting.



Lion & Lamb Picture Project: Creating this image has been a mammoth project! We are so happy to finally be able to share this picture with you. Its copyrights securely in hand, frees us to update PALM resources such as the *My Peacemaker* poster and gospel tract, *Is God Safe?* A large painting is also underway, one that will be used in a future video presentation. Please pray for continued creative wisdom and provision for these PALM outreach projects. A huge thanks to John Napper (Photographer - Australia) and to Don Dolton (Fine Artist - Canada) for their amazing assistance.



Lost Ring Detective Events:

What has been a 40+ year metal-detecting hobby has turned into a significant ministry occasion. We have begun to conduct and schedule Lost Ring Detective events in senior care facilities throughout our area. Having found and returned 111 lost rings to date, and having been called, *"the Sherlock Holmes of Lost Rings,"* these events provide an hour-long story-telling and educational experience that appeals to a wide range of audiences. It naturally gives opportunity to share my greatest discovery of all—that of knowing God is at peace with me on account of Jesus Christ! Kathleen joins with me at these venues, connecting with attendees and answering questions. No, I don't sing. But like the apostle Paul,



> *"I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel…."* 1 Corinthians 9:22-23a

Kathleen and I thank God for His assistance through your prayers and support as we proclaim the incredible *honors of His Name* in 2024. And if you can use your tongue *to sing our great Redeemer's praise*, go for it! ☺

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