

April 2021

Dear Friends,

We live in an unprecedented time. In the West, people are abandoning the church to search for hope and salvation in false gods and human ideologies. Rather than turning to the Lord, they are crying out for political leaders to save them. In other parts of the world, be it Africa, Asia, or South America, scores of people are hungering for the truths of God. So, whether it is calling Western nations back to Christ, or taking the gospel to lands where He is yet to be made known, one thing is certain...

We need preachers!

Almost every day, I hear about and receive requests regarding pulpits throughout the land that are empty. Indeed, over the past few months I have filled such pulpits myself, from California to New Jersey and many places in between. With empty pulpits, dormant church planting opportunities and mission fields crying out for people to come and teach them, but with few willing to go, the need is clear...

We need laborers!

In addition, we hear of other seminaries closing as student enrollments have trended downward for more than a decade. The experts who measure such trends see this culture who is disinterested in the gospel and tell us this direction is likely to continue. COVID-19 has made schooling more difficult, recruiting more challenging, and matriculation more uncertain, but despite these things, the board, administration, and faculty of RPTS are eager for the Lord to use us to bear even more fruit. However, one fact remains...

We need students!


We need students who will come to us to be trained and sent out as laborers and preachers in the kingdom of God. So, would you please join with us during the month of May and pray the prayer Jesus commanded us to offer at such times as these?

Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:36-38)

Please pray for such workers, and that the Lord would be pleased to send many of them to RPTS. In particular, I am personally setting aside Thursday, May 20th, for a special day of praying and fasting to this end. Please consider joining with me wherever you are on that day in pleading with the Lord as He has asked us to do.

Perhaps you'll be able to pray more knowledgeably by viewing the video update below to hear what those students currently being trained are experiencing at RPTS; you'll be encouraged by our update and student testimonies. If you are able to give to help RPTS meet the need of the hour, you'll also find that information below. Thank you for your partnership in training up workers for the harvest!

In Christ's Love and Service,


Barry J. York
President

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