

# The Lamp Tost

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#### A Message from Alice ...

I was reflecting recently on what has happened in my life since my retirement from Gardner-Webb University, where I taught for 30 years. Immediately after retirement from GWU, I began serving as Spiritual Enrichment Leader for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association (for 12 years), and then felt led (with others) to begin a new ministry called Lamplighters Ministries. I am very thankful to the Lord for His calling on my life and for His faithfulness to continue opening doors for me to serve Him with the talents and spiritual gifts He has given to me. My reflections led me to affirm once again that as long as He gives us life, health, and strength, we should be faithful to serve Him. We may have to 'scale back some,' but that is fine with Him. He looks for availability, not just ability.

He has blessed and called each of us to be faithful in service to Him. Thanks to each of you who have given your time, prayers, and money to help us be able to provide resources and training for others. We could not have carried out this ministry without your support.

Blessings on each of you,
Alice



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#### Have you checked out our website recently?

There are MANY resources there to bless and challenge you.

Please help us by sharing our website address with others, especially on social media.



Our goal is to give away our resources to any who cannot afford them, as tools of ministry and evangelism. Prayerfully consider supporting us with your financial gifts to help us share these resources and to keep our internet ministry going strong. (Since we are a non-profit agency, all donations are tax-deductible.)

All of us are volunteers, so 100% of all donations go to the ministry.

#### **Our Ongoing Mission Projects**

We are so thankful that we have been able to expand our ministry to include countries other than our own. Last year, our mission expenditures were \$9000! That is a praise to our Lord and thanks to our donors.

- 1. We were able to send Keith Dixon to Armenia where he taught our book Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry to pastors, deacons, and seminary students. And we have been able to provide them funds to purchase 1000 books in their language! Only eternity will reveal how the Lord will and has used those books to be a blessing in His Kingdom.
- 2. We continue to send funds to the church in Nicaragua that are given to families for food or to help the church with its construction needs. Additionally, a generous donation provided a vehicle for the pastor, certainly a cause for much praise to the Lord.
- 3. We are in contact with a leader in the Korean ministry in Texas about printing and distributing the Korean translation of Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry. Please join us in praying about that opportunity to expand our mission outreach both in our country and overseas.
- 4. We are consulting with the leaders in Armenia about the possibility of having more of our books translated into their language. We plan to give a copy of several of our books to their convention leader when he is in the U.S. this spring. And Keith is praying about a return visit.

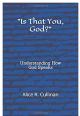
PLEASE pray for these mission endeavors and ask the Lord if He wants you to be involved in any way or to support these endeavors financially.

#### Nicaragua Mission



There is an ongoing need for food. Only \$25 will provide food for a family for a week!

#### Printing of Books to Give Away



For



Armenian



Spanish



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Korean

#### A Message from Keith ...

I want to share a few pictures\* from my trip to Armenia. I am so grateful for the opportunity to return and teach at the seminary with my friend Dr. Hal Bilbo. We taught these students (pictured below), who will be graduating this spring and were able to give them a copy of the <a href="Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry">Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Ministry</a> in their own language. I was heartened to see them marking significant portions of the book and they plan to use it to help their church families. The Armenian churches are blessed to have these young men serving them. A new class of students will begin in the Fall of 2024. I have been invited to teach this new class. Our book is being distributed to churches of other evangelical denominations in Armenia to help train leaders and strengthen members as they seek to reach people for Christ. Your donations provide this opportunity for God to work in this way in a very strategic part of the world.

Another great experience I had on the trip was joining church families in worship. The presence of Christ was very evident and the reverence for our Lord in every age group was inspiring. The opportunity to share communion with brothers and sisters in Christ was such a thrill to me. The family of God knows no distance or language boundary. This was a glimpse of heaven for me!

Several other doors have opened for me to train deacons. I shared with deacons from the Atlantic Association near Morehead City in January and will be leading training sessions in the Catawba River Association in May and for Poplar Springs Baptist in Shelby in April. Pray that God will use these opportunities to strengthen His churches!

It is a joy to serve our Lord and I am humbled to be a part of this ministry and a co-laborer with each of you!









\* On the front page of our website is a link to more pictures and Keith's report on the trip.

#### **Our Staff and Board Members:**

Executive Committee: Alice Cullinan, Carolyn Sears, Keith Dixon,

**Elaine Ashley** 

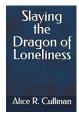
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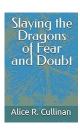
WILL YOU CONSIDER serving on our board? Contact us if interested.

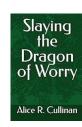
## This is our "Mini-book" series: \$5 each or \$30 for all 7 books (<u>if you order from us.</u>)

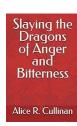
Books are also available on amazon.com & at Boiling Springs Florist



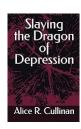
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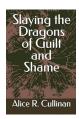












The books are pocket-size but the font size is 12, so they are easy to read. Each one is about 100 pages long. Get some for yourself and some to give away to people you know would benefit from them.

### **My Book Order**

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