

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14.

Thank you for choosing, or rather allowing the Lord to choose a nation for you to love and cover for the year! Again, it is not *our* responsibility to save and deliver, but to love and cover our nation with our prayers, **Jesus saves and delivers**. We just point the way in prayer.

So, here are five easy steps to begin your journey as you pray over your precious, chosen nation with Jesus:

- **1.** God's promise to Jesus Psalm 2 is a beautiful place to see the Lord's confidence and our agreement to watch our nation come into worship and surrender. Take a moment to pray it over your nation—gently, softly calling your nation to rebuild in the Son.
- 2. <u>Learn your nation</u> Thank God for Google. I couldn't pronounce my nation, let alone find it on a map! So I searched: "Pronounce Guinea-Bissau", and got several You Tube videos with correct pronunciation. Then, I went to Google Maps and typed in "Guinea-Bissau", and with the speed of satellite, I was there. Lastly, I Googled "Guinea-Bissau" and found information from various sources, spanning Wikipedia to the CIA: amazing what you can find!
- 3. <u>Bless your nation</u> *Blessing is the power of prophecy yet to be fulfilled*. So I blessed and continue to bless Guinea-Bissau with all that I am believing God for in my life. The nation is now in *my* inheritance, just as *its* inheritance has become part of mine! All of which is **Jesus to enjoy, in and through us.** *Say nice things, and nice things will happen.*
- **4.** <u>Declare your nation saved</u> Just as we pray with faith for our children, families, and friends, we are to pray with faith. (Acts 17:26-28).
- **5.** <u>Discover your nation's inheritance</u> This is easier than you think. *Inheritances are what are warred over.* So begin to look at the problems in your nation, but don't linger there: Instead, *reverse the curse with God's blessing!* Is your nation impoverished? Then its inheritance is to prosper and bless. Is your nation exploited? Then it is called to bring freedom and liberty. Is your nation in darkness? Then it's waiting to see a great light. You get the idea.

Finally, HAVE FUN in all you do. I see us as a company of kings and priests who, through our prayers, cover the earth with the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ! (Habakkuk 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:6).

I hope to send more ideas and help as we continue our journey together in prayer this year. Please share what you discover in prayer that is making your time glorious, and in this way, we can share the good news with each other.

In closing, here's a simple re-cap: Jesus (Psalm2); Learn; Bless; Declare; Discover. And have fun in Christ!

For His Glory to be seen to the ends of the earth, Steve