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BY FAITH...GIANTS TUMBLE

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Dear CERT family:

There are many examples in the Bible of young courageous men who were used by God to slay the “GIANTS” in their lives. Two come to mind today:

- There was David...only about 14 years old...when he stepped out by FAITH with God and beheaded the GIANT Goliath. David responded when no one else dared to go up against Goliath.**
- There was Jonathan and his young armor bearer who stepped out by FAITH and killed some twenty men in an area about one-half acre in size while his father, King Saul, stayed under the pomegranate tree.**

Today, I would like to share with you the story of another David...a fifteen year old boy who joined his parents on a CERT mission to Peru. The following report was copied from the family’s Christmas letter:

“The revolutionary, great and unsearchable miracle in David’s life is God’s calling to live the Christian life fully, to be a witness to His glory. During the Peru mission trip in 2006, when he shed tears for the souls unsaved, he committed his life to God’s work. In 2007, God led him to a short mission with the Youth Summer Mission project working with Native American youth in Arizona. He was the Sports Camp Director, getting to use his basketball skills for God’s glory. Since this trip, God opened up opportunities to witness at school far beyond anything we had ever hoped. This year David started the Christian Club and many students, teachers and one school administrator started to come out to identify with Christ. Only God is the focus behind all this.”



David Lau surrendered his life to Jesus and today he is leading the way for Christ at his school in a land where the GIANTS shout that this is not politically correct. David is following the life of FAITH that his parents walk and has surrendered his life for God.

Dr. Shirley Lau went on her first CERT mission in 2005 with her daughter Abby. She continues to show her children the importance of sacrifice and service to Jesus. She was so challenged and blessed by her first mission trip that she returned the next year with her husband Bruce, a dentist, Abby and David.

Again in the Andes Mountains, the Lau family poured their lives out for the cause of Christ. They shed tears for the unsaved. David witnessed it all and decided to respond to God’s leading to carry his cross all the way home for the rest of his life. I wonder what God has in store for this 21st century GIANT SLAYER.

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As I think back over the past 35 years of CERT, David is one of many who have had their lives transformed by Jesus on the mission field...including my own. I have heard and could share so many testimonies from CERT team members. Truly, a short-term mission can change your life. I have seen grown men weep saying, "My life will never be the same."

Today, we have much more work to do. Our plans for this year include in part the following and I need your prayers and financial support.

- ❑ **EMERGENCY NEED:** Norma, the wife of Pastor Diaz in the jungle village of Boca Manu, has just undergone complicated emergency surgery. She had to be flown from the jungle to Cusco. CERT is underwriting all the expenses...doctors, hospital stay, examinations, lab tests, medications, rehabilitation, travel and everything. We do not yet know how much the total expenses may be. Your prayers and help are greatly appreciated.
- ❖ We have seven Romanian pastors needing sponsors...\$75.00 per month for a year...from a church or Sunday school class, or two families going together, or one person or family.
- ❖ We have five pastors in the Amazon Jungle needing sponsors. These pastors have no way of earning money.
- ❖ Bread baking project for hungry gypsies in Romania amounting to about \$80 per week. This is an outreach ministry to the gypsies opening doors for sharing Christ.
- ❖ Water wells and purification systems in the Amazon at a cost of \$1200 per well. We have dug 31 water wells in 13 Ticuna Indian villages.
- ❖ Funds to ship a container to Peru and deliver it down into the jungle village of Boca Colorado...a logistical nightmare costing approximately \$8,000.
- ❖ Finances needed to support a CERT staff member on a four-month Amazon Jungle assignment to evaluate and improve our work in the Amazon Jungle. This is needed as the work continues to grow. The cost is approximately \$1,200 per month.
- ❖ Bibles, Christian tracts and literature for 12 mission trips.
- ❖ Medical/dental supplies for the CERT Mission teams.

There are those who feel the needs in America and the world are so great...why bother? We can't do it all! However, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, said He would leave the 99 just to save one.

CERT's GIANTS come in many forms and sizes, but with your prayers and help we continue to SLAY GIANTS...one by one, as Jesus leads us and shows us what He can do with WARRIORS OF FAITH.

WILL YOU JOIN ME AND BE A GIANT SLAYER?

Whatever you do, please do not be caught standing at the side of the battlefield or under a pomegranate tree waiting on "someone else" to do it. With your prayers and generous giving we will send more DAVIDS into the battle so more "GIANTS" will tumble and more precious people may come to know Christ.

Yours in His service,

Dr. Ken Daugherty,
President

P.S. Your generous gift today...\$15...\$25...\$50...\$100...\$250...\$500...\$1,000 or whatever God puts on your heart will help us to minister to physical and spiritual needs of hurting, lonely, and needy people.

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