

## ***Strangers in a strange land.....***



The title and melody of this musical number are rather haunting, though the lyrics fall far short. But it brings to mind that we as Believers on this earth reside in “strange & foreign lands.”

It matters not what our country of physical birth may be, but rather, what our country of spiritual birth signifies. We are all, **“Strangers in a Strange Land”**: **“You do not belong to this world”** - John 15:19; & in John 18:36, Jesus stated, **My kingdom is not of this world**. We may live and love, toil and play in these adopted lands in which we currently live. We give obeisance to the authorities of that land; we abide within its laws and constitution. But in God’s Family, we come under God’s Constitution: **Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s Household....built on His Foundation. Eph.2:19-20.**

Just as the military and missionaries are taken to foreign shores, so as children of Christ, and as Ambassadors for Christ, no matter what “title” we may have on this earth, we are all *foreigners* in this world. We accomplish what has been commanded of us: To fight for and spread His Word! We fight alongside each other, shoulder to shoulder, shield to shield, in the most vital battle of all Time, the Angelic Conflict. We support and exhort, encouraging each other in the promises and principles of God’s Word. In these times of uncertainty and unrest, we think of all of you and pray consistently for you and the Nations in which you reside. Each believer is a Life-line to another with God’s Truth and doctrinal principles embedded in his soul. Our Pastor’s lesson from 1Corinthians, lesson #1152, on the **Doctrine of Refreshment**, could not be more apropos. For even the Apostle Paul required refreshment: **1Cor.16:18 – For they refreshed my spirit and yours also.**

We miss seeing you face-to-face and hearing your voice, but are refreshed by the support and exhortations so many of you render us. Missionaries like the military, are out there alone; most times with no other like-minded believers to share their experiences, be they joys or sorrows, opportunities or oppositions. So we support each other in “prayer & supplication,” bonded in the Family of God. Secure in the knowledge that we are protected by His Heavenly Constitution; for as stated: **He shall be the stability of our times. Isa.33:6a**  
**Jesus Christ is the Controller of History! His purpose will ALWAYS prevail! Prov.19:21.**

**Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory. Deuteronomy 20:3-4**  
**Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1John 4:4**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you; (Our) love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. 1Cor. 16: 23-24*

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