



AUGUST 2022 BRIEFING

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands." (Acts 17:24-26, NIV)

It is a challenge to live in a fallen world, isn't it? Think of all that is "crazy" in the world right now – so many things are a mess. Probably like people in all other eras of the world, we believe our "time" is the worst. Yet we know from scripture that God, the creator and sustainer of all things is absolutely sovereign, including *when* and *where* we live our lives (Acts 17:26).

This past week my favorite historian died, David McCullough. I like history and I've read some of his books (especially loved John Adams and Truman), and I look forward to reading more of his books.

For the past few months, I've been reading The Last Lion books by William Manchester and I'm nearing the end of the second volume (out of 3). I'm fascinated by Churchill's character and his perseverance, and stunned by how similar events of today are to events he experienced in the mid to late 30s.

During this summer, I've taken a break from The Last Lion to join all Ministry to State staff in reading the autobiography of a missionary who served the Lord in the last half of the 1800s – John G. Paton: Missionary to the New Hebrides.

Biographies and autobiographies are great tools for reminding us that the events of history (good and bad) generally happen through individual persons. John Adams, Harry Truman, and Winston Churchill each literally influenced the world. John G. Paton and others like him in the New Hebrides led a population of cannibals to radical change through the amazing truth and power of the Gospel of Christ.

Appreciating history and applying the Word of God, are helps for living in the world as we know it today. Specifically, I am encouraged to remember the value of an individual

(like the shepherd who leaves the 99 to look for the one that is lost). MTS focuses on reaching individuals serving in government.

I am incredibly honored and very grateful the Lord has called me to minister to people serving in Colorado state government. The world, government, and culture change through the influence of individual persons, and individuals are changed with the power of the gospel – by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering with me prayerfully and financially as I reach out to individual persons in Colorado government with the life-changing hope of the Gospel.

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for His continuing mercies which never fail and are new every morning!
- Praise God for His blessings upon recent preaching opportunities at Covenant PCA – Wheat Ridge June 19 and July 24; Redeemer PCA – Parker, July 3; and Trinity Reformed PCA– New Castle, July 17. Also pray for upcoming preaching at Trinity Reformed PCA – Montrose, on August 21.
- An elected official I know was recently indicted by a grand jury. I am writing him and hope to schedule a one-on-one meeting – pray he will be open to seeing me.
- Praise God for two new donor churches in Colorado! Please continue to pray for new individual and church donors.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, friendship, and support!

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the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

To God's Glory,



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