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Names of things are important. Today people give a lot of thought when they name their children. Most try to think of the long-term implications. They want their children to succeed, and so they give them names they think will benefit their children in life.

God names people, too. He sometimes changes people's names, usually in terms of their destiny or purpose. God gave Adam the task of naming the animals. In Hebrew, three different words are used: '*ari*' which is directly a lion, *sabal*, which denotes a lion with a fierce countenance, and *lebe*, an old or grand, great old lion. The Lion of Judah is all of these. He was the young lion, strong and conquering; the older wise lion over the ages; and the fierce lion protecting His own.

Joel 3.16 says that the LORD will roar out of Zion. What do we know about lions roaring? A lion's roar can be identified by other lions. His roar calls to his tribe. His voice is identifiable. Lions roar to establish their territory. Others hearing that roar are to understand that his rule must be acknowledged through a corresponding submission if desiring to live in that territory. That roar also warns any intruder or upstart that defying the ruling lion will lead to a fight for dominance. There is no shared dominion. And then the lion may roar to express his satisfaction after a feast, to say he is content.

Last month I spoke of the two lions vying for dominance. The devil also roars as he seeks to devour whom he may. He wants us to identify with his authority, submit to his rule, not defy him or fight him, and bring him satisfaction as he eats us like prey. To conquer the devil as a roaring lion, it takes another roaring lion to defeat him. That lion is the Lion of Judah.

The Lion of Judah roars out of Zion. As we place our faith in Jesus Christ, God's Word comes out of our mouth with a roar challenging and defeating the devil. As we submit to God, resist the devil, the devil flees. As we humble

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ourselves before the Lord, we receive grace. As we declare the Lion of Judah to be our Lord, we identify with His authority, submit to His rule, repent when we are warned, and seek to keep Him satisfied. The Lion of Judah is our refuge, our protector, our provider, and the One to whom we give allegiance. Rest assured that when the Lion of Judah roars, He wins the dominance in our lives.

We have been bought with a price and our lives are not our own. The Lion who roars is also the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Jesus made Himself of no reputation and became the sacrifice that God our Father accepts as payment for divine justice. Jesus' one-time sacrifice for sin paid in full the debt note of sin. Because of this sacrificial offering up to God by Christ, we are forgiven; we have peace with God; we are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb; the wrath of God is propitiated; and Satan is defeated. Believe it. Live it. And then the only roar you will hear will be:



the roar of satisfaction, the pleasure of the Almighty.



Our first Saturday summer social had a great turn-out. Everyone had fun, and the prize table was empty at the end of the evening (because we play the Christian way).



We had a fabulously successful mission to Iceland and Greenland. I'm sending a few pictures separately so as not to overload the email size for some servers. This now makes 68 nations for MCM world

missions and all seven continents. Wow! Look at God!



We also had a very successful Barnabas Project distribution June 27th at the Worldwide Christian Center in Pompano Beach, FL. A huge “thank you” to Ani, Ana, David, Dale, Steve, Gail, Deborah, Kroy, Linda, Homer, and Marie for coming to help Pastor Jim and myself. A big “thank you,” too, for all of you who donated the truck load we had for distribution.

A little air of excitement kicked us off as one man had donated a suit coat and had left two checks totaling \$850 in the inside pocket. Everyone was looking for the coat while we unloaded our large moving van truck. Wouldn't you know? It was found in the very last bag; but we had one very relieved donor! God is good.

There was a lot of “one anothering” going on as people gave hope and encouragement to each other in a demonstration of the free grace and goodness of God. Our Barnabas Box was given to a family Gail chose as she walked around asking God who was to be the recipient. With Ani and Ana to help translate into Spanish, and others standing by praying silently, I presented the Barnabas Box and the gospel of Jesus Christ to a family of five. Three definitely received Christ; one absolutely rejected; one seemed to be thinking about it all. Others witnessed to the crowd of people, too, by giving out tracts and literature and Bibles. Several hundred families were blessed indeed. Thank you!



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With Dr. Mary Craig



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“Who Is Jesus Christ?”

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with Dr. Mary Craig

Special Events:



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Mary Craig Ministries, Inc. Board Meeting

Sunday, July 19th, 1:30 p.m.



MCM Fellowship Dinner at Craighouse®

6:00 p.m. **Saturday, July 25th**. Bring food and friends for a fun evening and

The Iceland-Greenland Mission Report by Marcia Murray, Wanda Barlow, David & Betty Patten.



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