

The Spirit Of Truth



By Rev. Madeline Montez Duffany

Dear Reverend:

I don't know why I have to go to church. There are a lot of preachers on TV and I am completely content to sit on my sofa in my PJ's and drink my coffee. If one of these preachers says something I don't like, I just change the channel. Anyway, in church they ask for money, but being on a budget, I need to save extra for beer and smokes. Now don't go preaching at me. I like your column, but I may stop reading it. I only wrote because I know you tell the truth.

Jake

Dear Jake:

I think you feel convicted or you would not write to me at all. The Holy Spirit moves inside of us to correct us and to compel us to do the right thing. It's good that you watch preachers on TV, but you are missing the fellowship of other believers. As Christians, it is actually our duty to consider each other, to provoke unto love and to good works, and to exhort one another. God tells us to not forsake doing this. Hebrews 10:24-25. Provoke, in this sense means to make keen; urge; prick the conscience;

cause contention. Now, this does not mean bad tempers or ill-will or unforgiveness. Other people are like sandpaper at times, sanding out an area that may be we are not aware of. It could be pride, rebellion, bad habits. This is how God wants us to operate in love. It may not sound like love or feel like love, but now you can grow up if you can put up! Now, I'm going to tell you, that what you are doing is not God's best for you. Ditch the beer and cigarettes and get to church. It's not going to be a place where you can do what

you want. God has placed pastors over us to teach, guide, and direct us into every good thing the Lord has for us. Maybe you didn't have parents to help you, but it's never too late to trust someone else. Trust God to direct you to the right church, and stand fast if you want to get sanded! We don't need what God rubs away! If all I wrote of is presented in love, you will want to be in that particular church. Go and see what you can add to a body of believers, not just to take. You have worth and you were born for such a time as this.

This is God's Truth!
Rev. MMD

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JESUS IS LORD!

Heroic U.S. Ebola Doctor Honored in NYC for Long-Time Medical Missionary Service in Liberia, West Africa

Prestigious \$500,000 AMH Gerson L'Chaim Prize presented to SIM Missionary Dr. Rick Sacra will help extend and expand SIM's healthcare ministry in impoverished Liberia. **NEW YORK, Feb. 1, 2019 /Standard Newswire/** -- An American missionary doctor who risked his life at the height of Liberia's 2014 Ebola crisis, and has spent more than 20 years doing medical missionary service in Africa, was honored for his many years of service there with SIM (www.simusa.org), an international Christian mission organization.

AMH Gerson L'Chaim Prize
SIM Missionary, 56-year-old-Dr. Rick Sacra, Massachusetts native, received the prestigious 2018 AMH Rabbi Erica and Mark Gerson L'Chaim ("To Life") Prize for Outstanding Christian Medical Missionary Service last night (Jan. 31, 2019). The annual award—the largest of its kind in the world—supporting clinical care in Africa—comes with a \$500,000 gift. The prize is awarded by African Mission Healthcare (AMH), www.AfricanMissionHealthcare.org, a non-profit organization that strengthens mission hospitals to aid those



Photo: New York philanthropists Mark Gerson, and his wife Rabbi Erica Gerson, who established the annual AMH Gerson L'Chaim Prize for Outstanding Christian Medical Missionary Service, jointly presented the 2018 award to SIM Missionary Dr. Rick Sacra at a private dinner in New York City Jan. 31. Dr. Sacra received the honor for dedicating his life to medical missionary work in Africa. Mr. Gerson is also co-founder and chairman of Gerson Lehrman Group.

in greatest need. AMH was co-founded in 2010 by entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist, Mark Gerson and medical missionary, Dr. Jon Fielder, who is the organization's chief executive; the two became friends in college. Gerson, and his wife, Rabbi Erica Gerson, established, and began funding, the annual award in 2016. They jointly presented the 2018 prize to Dr. Sacra during the awards ceremony. "I was overwhelmed when I learned about the award and am extremely honored to receive it, which I accept on behalf of all those serving God with their medical skills," said

Dr. Sacra who returned from Liberia for the awards ceremony. "I'm so grateful for the financial resources, and team of people God is putting in place to deploy them. This kind of support opens the door to accomplish things we've been dreaming about for years, which will benefit our patients and our community by improving the healthcare of thousands of Liberians." Dr. Sacra is the third recipient of the AMH Gerson L'Chaim Prize. What the \$500,000 will be used for? Dr. Sacra will use the prize money to strengthen facilities at SIM's ELWA (Eter-

nal Love Winning Africa) Hospital in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia; train Liberian Family Medicine residents; establish an intensive care unit with trained staff; and install solar power capacity. Ebola While caring for women with prolonged and crisis labor at ELWA Hospital, often operating to deliver their babies, Dr. Sacra was unknowingly exposed to and contracted the Ebola virus. He was flown back to the U.S. for specialized intensive treatment. On recovering, several months later, he returned to Liberia once more to continue his work.

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