

## Declaring God's Glory Among the Nations



In 2020, a small group of believers in Pakistan took on the ministry of feeding people who were starving due to unemployment during the Covid-19 pandemic. Along with food boxes, they also gave out the Bread of Life. As a result, God saved and even healed many who didn't have His written Word to show them who He is, just as He did in the first century church. Here is a story the believers told of God's power working in the lives of needy people:

"While distributing food in an anonymous slum, we saw a man named Muhammad who teaches the Quran to kids in the slum, and we asked him, 'Do you need food?'"

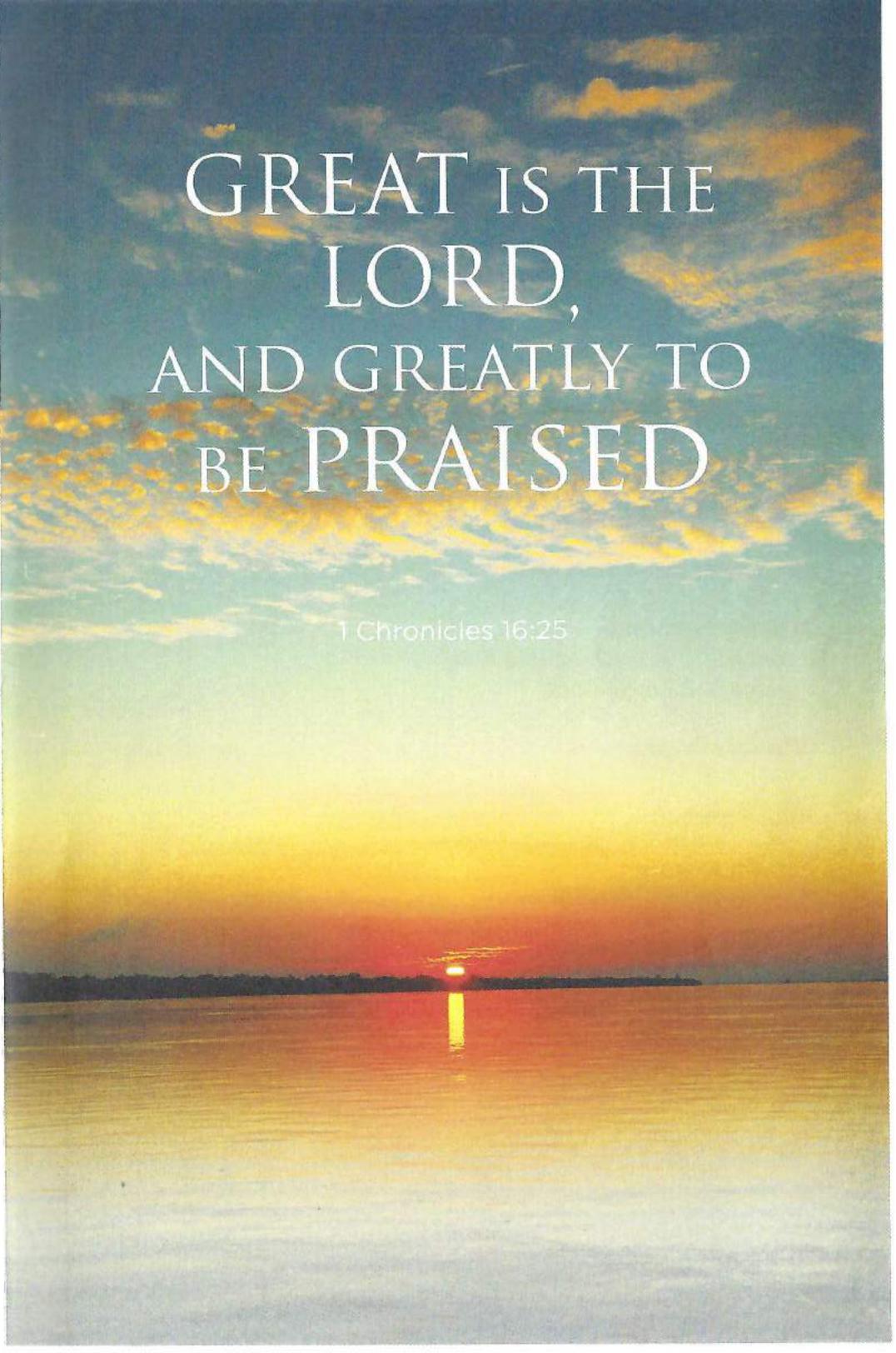
"He responded, 'I am full; give it to someone else.' Muhammad said in anger that you already took all my slum kids away from me by offering them food and now you are teaching them your religion. We tell Muhammad that we didn't force anyone to join us when we share the Gospel, and even if they don't come in our prayer and worship, we will still give them food."

"Later we were praying over women who received healing from back pain. Muhammad shouted from afar, 'Your God only heal your religion people!' We responded that He heals everyone on His perfect timing. Muhammad said if your God heals everyone then ask Him to heal the left leg which has severe pain from the last thirteen years."

"We prayed over him in Jesus' name and ask God to heal and restore Muhammad completely. We ask God that, 'If it's your will, God, then heal him right now.' Guess what? Jesus healed his leg and took away all pain!!!"

"Muhammad was shocked and said 'This is unbelievable,' and we talked for over two hours more and shared the gospel with him. Later Muhammad said, 'I am so hungry and didn't eat for over 24 hours. You still have food for me?' So we give him a food box as well. We exchange our numbers as Muhammad wanted to learn more about God and his living Word. God is doing beautiful things through this food drive."

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GREAT IS THE  
LORD,  
AND GREATLY TO  
BE PRAISED

1 Chronicles 16:25

# Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

July 18, 2021

**Call to Worship**

*Sounds of Hope Part 2*

**Invocation**

**Sing Unto the Lord**

Hymn #503 Since Jesus Came into my Heart

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Ron Marks*

**Recognition of Guests**

**Mission Moment**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Worship in Song**

Hymn #507 Something Beautiful

Hymn #522 I'm So Glad

**Offertory Prayer**

*Joe Morgan*

**Offertory**

*Rose Morgan*

**Sermon**

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17

"Newness of Life"

*Reverend Richard Parker*

**Hymn of Benediction**

*Don't forget to Shine, Shine, Shine!*

## Covenant News

*Ask Ron about our new hearing enhancements.*

*Don't miss a word of the sermon!*

Covenant's ministry for July is the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. They are a non-profit organization who distributes donated food and basic essentials to 190+ non-profit agencies in North Central Florida.

**For every \$1 donated,  
Bread of the Mighty Food Bank  
can provide up to 10 meals.**

### God Bless the Children

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, 'I've decided to become a minister when I grow up.' 'That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?' 'Well,' said the little boy, 'I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!'