

Tommy's Window

Love always finds a way!



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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this newsletter & pray that Tommy's Window will continue to be a blessing & source of inspiration in your life.

New Prayer Page

We recently opened a 'Prayer Page' on Tommy's Window for people to send in their requests. Joy, one of our volunteers, compiles them & sends them to a our prayer warriors around the world who then faithfully bring each request before the Lord. Here's the link www.tommyswindow.com/prayer.htm

Translations

We now have PowerPoint slideshows translated to 31 different languages. The most recent additions are Tamil & Japanese. None of this would be possible without the help of our faithful volunteers who give of their time & effort to translate them into their respective languages. We know God is greatly rewarding their lives for their investment!

Future Improvements

We are working to improve Tommy's Window little by little. Due to limited financial backing & technical know-how, advances will take some time. What we have in the works now is to organize the slideshows by categories and add a search feature. This should make it a little easier for visitors to find what they looking for without having to browse through a lot of material on our website.

**COMING
SOON!**



Visiting with Juanco & Flor in Dallas, Texas. They signed up to receive the weekly slideshows last year & have been in close touch ever since.

Any donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated & needed to help us continue covering the cost of this inspiring ministry.

THANK YOU!

To donate by credit card, or PayPal, you can visit www.tommyswindow.com where you'll find the 'Donate Now' button on each page, or you can send your donation to:
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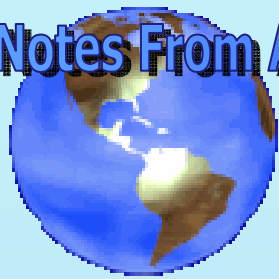
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| Visitors: | 1,398,002 |
| Pages viewed: | 5,979,756 |
| MB downloaded: | 3,612,927 |
| PPS emailed: | 716,588 |



Brian with Juma, a refugee from Congo that we met through Tommy's Window.



**The slideshows inspired me beyond my imagination.
God bless you as you spread your message throughout the world.**

—Satish (Mumbai, India)

♥ I personally and from my heart wanna thank you for these power packed slideshows which inspired and helped me a lot to be close to GOD. I read Tommy's story as well as your story. You have done a great job mam and I really respect you for this. I would pray for you and wish you a very happy and joyful life.....thank you once again..... —Nikita Patel (India)

♥ Your slideshows are absolutely delightful & inspiring. I get a new ray of hope in deep sorrow by seeing these slideshows. I really thank you for making my life more meaningful.—Ketan (India)

♥ I was inspired by how God gives such wisdom and creativity rolled into one, keep it up for the Lord has anointed you to share His Love towards mankind in a very special way. You have touched so many lives, giving them hope and reason to believe that this life is a wonderful gift from God. May the Lord continue to strengthen you, bless you and move you with much compassion for the downcast and the lost. -- Halsey (Saudi Arabia)

♥ Thanks a ton for sending me this amazing motivational and inspirational message, it really touched my heart. **DO KEEP ON SENDING ME** these messages, because when I am confused or am not able to find an answer to my worries, your messages reach me on time and I get the correct answer to my questions. —Rajnni (India)



Yona & family in Nairobi, Kenya

♥ I am a catholic religious missionary assigned in the island of Basilan, Philippines, one of the smallest islands in the southern part of our country. I'm dealing with young people both Christians and Muslims. Ministering through your slideshows have been of great help to our young people and even to our teachers & staff. Your slideshows had helped them in their journey of life connecting them to God. Again I wish to thanks you and hoping that your ministry will break barriers and bridge hope for our young people and all to the truth and what is good. Thanks so much. —Mapaul (Philippines)

♥ I can't remember the last time I shed so many tears as I watch and receive from your slideshows. They are unique, anointed and visually so stunning - thank you. I have mailed on to so many of our friends and family, many of whom are not Christians.— Terry (and Ann Jones) (UK)



Monicah in Kenya

♥ Thanks GOD for both of your lives, I'm so lucky to be one of the persons that you chose to send slideshows with brilliant and powerful words, because over here in IRAQ, (the Babilonians) most of their families are dead, staggering, try to face their future but its too hard for them, first most of them are Muslim and they don't understand English words. Please pray for me that GOD will give me words of wisdom and understanding so that I can be filled with the HOLY SPIRIT to teach them the Word of the living GOD. --Sunia Qera (Iraq)

♥ I receive your news letter now for almost 2 years, download many pps which I use a lot, but never got the chance to thank the makers of it. You will not know how much it means to me. Your words of encouragement always comes at the right time. Thank you for your good work. —Marietjie (Namibia)



Nelun in Sri Lanka

♥ We are blessed by what you are doing. Thank God for your life who is willing to be used by God through the modern tech that we have nowadays. We use them in our missions. These slideshows helped us to make our points clear. Keep up the good work in the Lord. You've been touching the lives of many people. — Rovi (Cameroon)

♥ Tommy's window is a reflection of what God can do when we give Him a chance. We should not sit and say there is nothing we can do for God. We should also not look down at what God lays in our hearts. Tommy has shown that there is no ministry too small for God's people. — Nene (Kenya)

♥ I thank the Lord for giving you the heart and know-how for these lovely messages. They answer many questions and fill our hearts with new faith and courage to carry on until it's time to go! -- Connie (South Africa)



Karina in Armenia



Fr. Godfrey with his sisters in Mumbai, India.

Dare to live on the edge!

—Loren Cunningham

Is the life of faith worth it?

If you have ever experienced it, it truly ruins you for the ordinary.

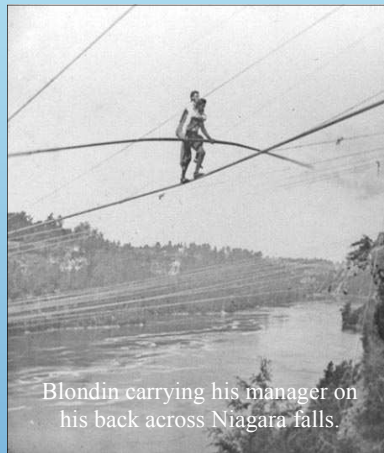
Living the life of faith is like walking on a tightrope.

It is an incredible thrill.

In the 1800s, an acrobat named Blondin (Jean-Francois Gravlet) became famous for crossing Niagara Falls by tightrope many times, usually with no safety net. One day a crowd gathered at the falls to watch his most dangerous attempt yet. He planned to push a wheelbarrow loaded with a heavy sack of cement across the tightrope. With that extra weight, the slightest miscalculation could tip the wheelbarrow and twist him off the wire, plunging him to death 160 feet below in the raging waters. Thousands watched breathlessly as he made his way across, placing one foot carefully in front of the other, quietly pushing the wheelbarrow across the spray-filled chasm, oblivious to the roar of the water beneath him.

When he made it to the other side, the throng let out its collective breath and cheered. What a feat! After his crossing, Blondin challenged a nearby reporter: "Do you believe I can do anything on a tightrope?" "Oh yes, Mr. Blondin," said the reporter, "after what I've seen today, I believe it. You can do anything." "Do you believe, then," said Blondin, "that instead of a sack of cement, I could put a man in this wheelbarrow—a man who has never been on a tightrope before—and wheel him, without a net, safely over to the other side?" "Oh yes sir, Mr. Blondin," said the reporter, "I believe it." "Good," said Blondin. "Get in."

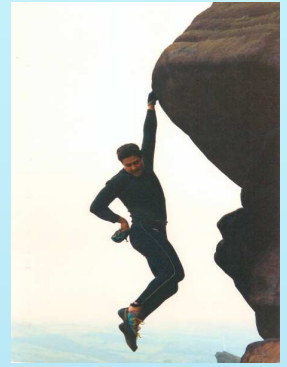
The reporter paled and quickly disappeared into the crowd. It's one thing to believe something, but quite another to have that kind of faith in someone. However, one person that day did have that kind of faith in Blondin. This brave volunteer agreed to get into the wheelbarrow and



Blondin carrying his manager on his back across Niagara falls.

cross the falls with the master acro-bat. As Blondin tipped out the bag of cement and placed his passenger in the barrow, men on both sides of the falls quickly placed bets on the outcome. Then as the crowd cheered, Blondin made his way back across the falls, this time pushing a nervous passenger ahead of him.

It looked like another easy conquest for the daredevil. But when they were halfway across the 1,600-foot rope, a man with a heavy bet against them crept over and cut one of the guy wires. Suddenly, the tightrope pitched crazily back and forth, the force of the whipping motion gaining in intensity. As Blondin fought to keep his balance, he knew that they were seconds away from death. When the rim of the wheelbarrow came off the wire, they would both be pitched headlong into the churning waters. Blondin spoke, cutting through the terror of his passenger in the wheelbarrow. "Stand up!" he commanded. "Stand up and grab my shoulders!" The man sat there paralyzed. "Let go and stand up! Let go of the wheelbarrow! Do it or die!" Somehow the man managed to stand up and step out of the swaying wheelbarrow. "Your arms ... put them round my neck! Now, your legs ... round my waist!" said Blondin. Again the man obeyed, clinging to Blondin. The empty wheelbarrow fell, disappearing into the frothy turmoil far below. The aerialist stood there, using all his years of experience and every trained muscle to stay on the wire until the pitching subsided a little. Then inch by inch, he made his way across, carrying the man like a child. Finally, he deposited him on the other side.



That's what it means to live the life of faith. You have to have real confidence in the One who is carrying you across. It is fairly easy to say you believe in God. But are you willing to have Him carry you across a tightrope, high above a roar of water?

You can have that experience, you know. You can have the thrill of trusting God and seeing Him meet your needs.

This is what it comes down to, in living by faith. It is faith in God Himself. There is no system or ritual to it. It is faith in a living person, faith that He will help you accomplish the job He has given you to do.

He has big challenges, planned just for you. He wants you to have a major part in the most exciting race of history—the race to take the Gospel to every creature. He wants to see you be the best you can be—for Him, and for your world around you.

Take up the challenge. Step out for Him. Trust Him. Dare to live on the edge.