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PETITIONER'S SUMMARY BRIEF

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In 2003, I accepted an invitation to move Appalachian Youth Missions to Tellico Plains in Monroe County, Tennessee. I had been transporting youth from the Copper Basin area in Polk County on Friday and Saturdays for the previous two years, to a youth outreach in Tellico, called W.W.J.D. God had given me perfect peace in that move, and I was warmly welcomed by the community.

In 2004, Appalachian Youth Missions acquired 7.4 acres of land to relocate and build on. I worked closely with state officials to make sure we were in compliance with EPA Regulations and the Federal Wet Lands Act. That's when I discovered a meth production operation within 500 feet of the youth mission. Upon further investigation, I discovered officers in the Monroe County Sheriffs Department were involved overseeing the operation. I was told that it was under the jurisdiction of the Monroe County Sheriffs Department and to go about my business.

For the next couple of years I coordinated youth groups from all over the world on short term missions trips to the Tellico area. These groups brought funds to do repairs and projects in the community and did generate good business for the small town community of Tellico Plains. The youth mission was in high demand, as it was free to all groups nationwide.

In 2005, I booked an African American Christian youth group from Maryland. The day the group arrived in their church bus, two Monroe County Sheriff's Department cruisers pulled up. Four officers stood blocking the entrance to the community center where the group would be staying. The adult leaders immediately asked me what was going on. I replied I will go ask. The officers said they were just out enjoying the weather. I went back to the adult leaders and explained that the officers were just taking a break.

One of the officers approached an adult female church leader and after a brief conversation the adult leader instructed the group to put all their belongings back on the bus. The group left in a hurry and never returned. A few months later, I received a call from their pastor apologizing for the abrupt leave. I was the one that apologized, as I was told by officer Michael Morgan after the group left, that would be the last black group coming in to Monroe County.

God was really doing a work, as many youth were confiding in me about the darkness in their lives and their town. I was horrified at some of the things they would disclose. One day two pastors came to me and said, "George, you need to get out of Tellico, they are going to kill you". I knew who they were. I stayed because God had not lifted the peace from my heart. I stayed after thousands of dollars of property damage to the mission property had occurred, I stayed after our mission vehicle (Isuzu Trooper) was fire bombed and burnt to the ground. I stayed even after I was abducted and tortured for two hours outside at the A.Y.M office on McConnell Street. I prayed for my assailant as I laid bleeding and semi-conscious. I stayed because God had not removed the peace from my heart. I was right where

He wanted me, and He gave me the peace that surpasses all understanding to carry out His work. It is not my job to question God, why? Its my job to listen and see all the opportunities around me, to be His light in a dark world.

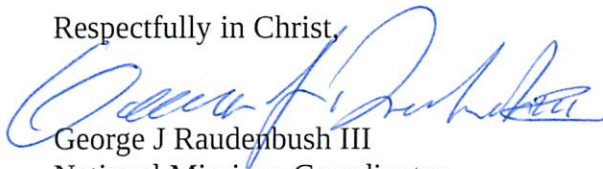
Thursday, December 30, 2010 at between 10:30 and 11:00 pm, I was pulled over by, Tellico Plains Police officer Brian Millsaps. His intentions were very clear, to provoke me, to give him cause. I fully cooperated and this made him angry. He told me to get out of the car. I was not prepared for what happened next. As I rolled up the window and reached for the door lever I heard a thump on the window. I lifted the lever and pushed but the door did not open. That's when Brian broke the glass with his long heavy flash light and began beating me in the head and face. As blood seemed to be everywhere I looked at Brian as he was removing his gun, and the peace that God had bestowed upon me all this time was no longer there to comfort me. Instinctively, I drove forward. The vehicle wheels were straight and I went to a neighbors house and called 911 three times asking for the Tennessee Highway Patrol. I was told by Judge Ross, in court, the jury would never hear the 911 recording, as he banned the recording from being entered as evidence. I have preserved 911 recording to this day.

If I did not pull the vehicle forward that night, I know with certainty I would not be here today writing this petition, and you would not be reading it. I believe God removed His peace because Brian's heart was blinded with so much hate and anger. God gave me a way of escape and has given me so many opportunities since that night to share His love with so many, in places I would never have imagined. I am honored and count it all joy that God allowed me to be his light in prison. That is where he returned His peace to me in the darkest of places.

It was in prison I was able to help Correctional Officer Horwrath to safety after he was assaulted by vice lord gang members rendering him unconscious. I had the respect of gang members, inmates and T.D.O.C Staff because of my character and kindness in helping others.

I pray daily for my assailants and accusers hoping that one day they may be free from the lie based thinking that's keeping them from experiencing a life full of peace and joy.

Respectfully in Christ,



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