

January 13, 2024

The Hushed Voice

You cannot hear
the soft and gentle voice of God
if you are not listening.
You cannot listen if you are
constantly moving, constantly focused
on other things,
even good and godly things.

It is in stillness and silence
that the wordless “voice” of God
becomes perceivable.
A preoccupied mind,
a restless spirit, a hurting heart,
becomes mute to
the hushed voice of God

The Math Is Simple

I need to better secure the future of the Santa Chiara Children’s Center and Academy. Thanks to the chaos and violence in Haiti, our annual budget has dramatically increased. Before the president was assassinated in his bed in the summer of 2021, it cost \$300,000 a year to operate the home. We now operate in a war zone, which required me to build, staff, start our own school serving toddlers to teens. Our budget for 2024 is not \$470,000.

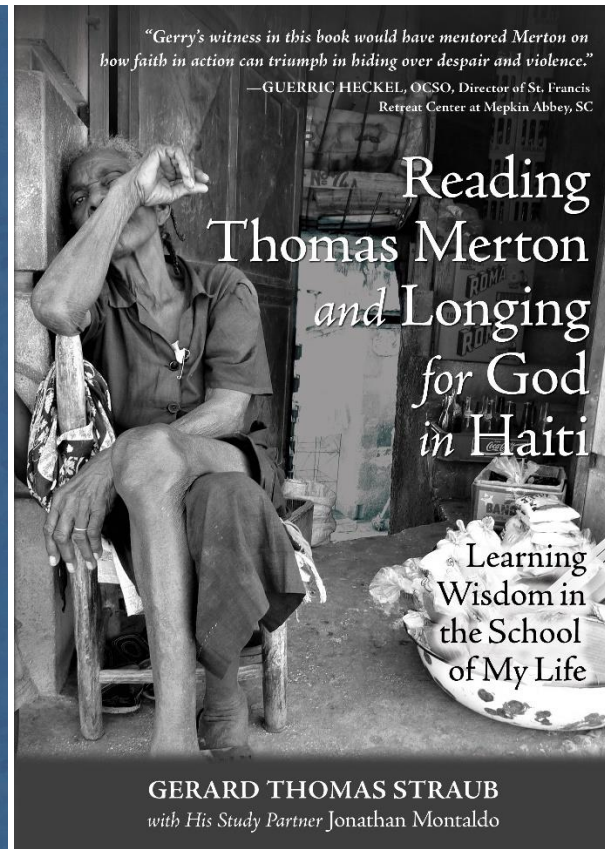
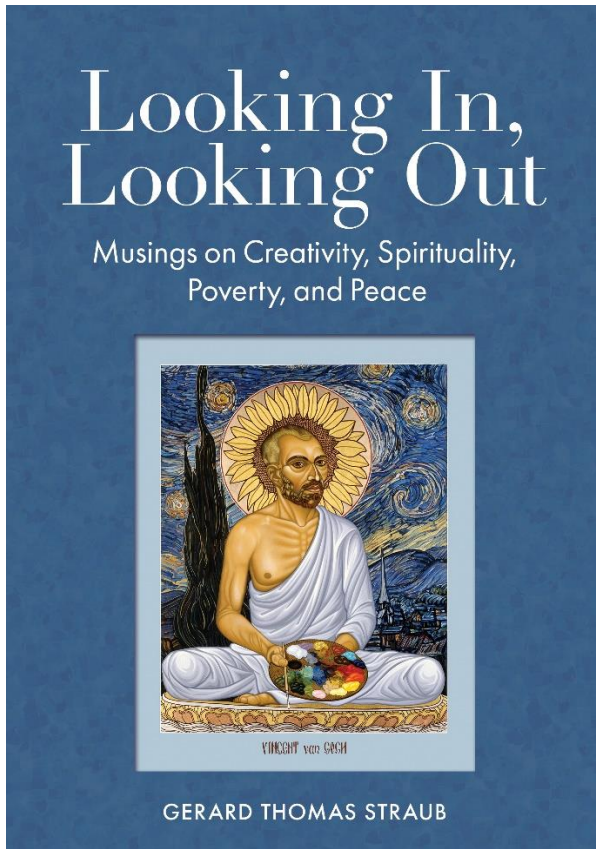
A few days ago, I had an idea which at first sounded preposterous. The idea required bit of math. I am not good at math. I got out my calculator. I entered a few numbers floating around me head. Suppose we had 1,500 new monthly donors just donating \$25 a month, which is inconsequential amount for most people. That small amount from that reachable goal of new donors would generate a monthly income of \$37,500. Multiple that by 12 months and the answer is stunning: \$450,000.

In a 98-minute zoom meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday afternoon, I presented this idea to the board. They strongly suggested I share it in a Journal.

While the math is simple, the goal if reached would be a miracle. Gone would be my stress from carrying the heavy burden of raising the funds needed to care for our kids. So, I am not begging for donations, I am asking you to join more fully in the ministry by actively reaching out to your family and friends and try to secure a pledge from 10 people to donate just \$25 a month. If just half the 190 people who receive this daily Journal did find 10 new monthly donors, it would add 950 new monthly donors who would contribute \$23,750 a month which comes to \$285,000.

I would prefer 950 people giving a total of \$285,000 a year than one or two people donating that amount.

Because I am leaving for Haiti at 3:15 in the morning on Sunday, there will be no Journal tomorrow. I will write again from Haiti on Monday. I wish you all a peaceful weekend. I pray we can find 1,500 new people to become an active part of this vitally important ministry. The children need your help.



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