

# REFLECTOR

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## OUR NATION IS IN TROUBLE

America's moral foundation is crumbling. A grave peril is our religious freedom. How should we as God's people live as salt and light in a growing hostile and intolerant society? Is it too late for a spiritual awakening? You will find the answers only in the Word of God. The Bible has the answers. **Read and believe. Receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Pray and believe.** Our greatest privilege is to talk things over with God. **Prayer is the work that must come before all other work.** Pray and believe. Now is the day of salvation. Tomorrow may be too late.

## ADAM'S VAN

THANK YOU, ROPEHOLDER DOORKEEPERS. YOU PRAYED, YOU GAVE, AND HERE IS GOD'S ANSWER.



Honda CRV 2018 with 16,000 miles  
(Just under \$30,000--Paid in Full)

## ADAM'S ITINERARY

Adam and Dianna Nathanson left for a month's stay in Venezuela on January 26. While there, they will celebrate the sixteenth anniversary of the church God used them to plant in Caracas. Several prayer seminars are scheduled. On the homefront, Adam's venue is developing nicely with a number of prayer seminars scheduled.

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## ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2  
December 18, 2021-January 21, 2022

Regular	67	\$8,885.00
Adam's Van	5	\$750.00
Nigeria Focus	17	2,185.00
Total	89	\$11,820.00

## FEBRUARY CHALLENGE:

### MEMORIZE ABCs

### NOTES from My BIBLE

**Note 6011.** A Christian who is not in God's Word daily is saying, "I don't need God's instruction."

**Note 6012.** Too many Christians put the Bible on their shelves instead of in their hearts.

**Note 6013.** The Bible, like a bank, is most helpful when it is open and transmitting God's Words into your mind.

**Note 6014.** There is quite a difference between the books men make and the Book that makes men.

**Note 6015.** We can't fix our nation until first we fix our families and homes.

### In Loving Memory

DOORKEEPER/Classmate JGH

Sara Adeline Underwood

5/11/1935-1/15/2020

White Pine, Tennessee

WPHS - Class of '53

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord"  
(2 Corinthians 5:8b)

## 2022 NIGERIA FOCUS

EMPHASIS: REVIVAL PRAYING

Population: 209,603,600

### THE PLAN

Developed by Sunday Congo, Nigeria Coordinator, and

Sunday Bwanhot, SIM USA Director

Since 1986, prayer seminars have been conducted in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation. The visible impact far exceeds any of the sixty nations. The first seminars were in **Imo State (Owerri)** with the Ibo tribe and the Baptists. Prayer seminar workbooks were translated into the Ibo language.

The 1988 venue was sponsored by **Sudan Interior Mission (SIM)**, Ian Hay, President and their Bible churches known as the **Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA)**. There were seminars in each of the Bible colleges and seminars. The climatic moment was in the final seminar in **Jos, Plateau State**. The Holy Spirit called out **Onesimus Sule** and **Sunday Bwanhot** to establish a prayer ministry using the JGHM teaching tools. **Their goal was to impact the nation and lead each church to become a praying church.** Hundreds of prayer seminars were conducted. Their success was phenomenal and is still going strong. In 1988, headlines of secular newspapers read, "SPIRITUAL AWAKENING SWEEPS NIGERIA." **ECWA** reported 2.6 million members at that time. Now there are over 10 million. Many of the current leaders came out of the 1988 Jos seminar.

**THE PLAN is to greatly expand the prayer movement to ensure it will continue.** There are 89 districts to be covered with a minimum of 50 churches in each district and some over 100. In January, the 89 coordinators are being trained. The basic teaching tool is our prayer seminar workbook and Sunday Bwanhot's book, **Lord, Teach us to Pray**, a contextualization of our prayer seminar. We gave agreed to provide 20,000 "seed" workbooks (10,000 English and 10,000 Hausa). **Above all we need prayer support.**

Production costs will be \$13,000. Since sharing with our **Doorkeepers** recently, seventeen have given \$2,185. We need 100 contributors. Use the enclosed response envelope and draft the check to **The Prayer Seminar**.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

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## A Trip Down Memory Lane A Valuable Lesson Learned from a Saint

I consider 1953-58 as my boot camp years in the pastoral ministry. The first few months were spent with **Westside Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky**. I'm not sure that these months counted as a "pastor" assignment since I felt too young and inexperienced to be called a "pastor." Nevertheless I was the leader in establishing this congregation including building the initial meeting place (a concrete block facility that was the "basement" of what would be the sanctuary in a few years). When there was a suggestion that I be the pastor," I insisted that a "seasoned man of God" should be called.

Little did I realize that a few days after Westside was formally organized, a pulpit committee from **Liberty Avenue Baptist Church** would knock at my dormitory door in Pearson Hall, inviting me to be their pastor. I sat there, rather informally attired in my briefs, and incredulous in what I was hearing. That congregation had "split" over some alleged moral issues and the flock of several hundred had scattered. In spite of my age, I believe some of the best years of my twenty-eight year pastoral ministry were those years. My devotion to God and enthusiasm was never stronger." From 1958 until 1962, I was pastor of a well-established congregation, **Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky**. It was during these years that I learned to be a "pastor, teacher, evangelist." Showers of blessings began flowing with church growth, most coming into the church through baptism and many by letter from other churches."

It was at Rosedale that I meet **Martha Sandlin Ogg** (1880-1970), the daughter of **Lewis Daniel Sandlin, M.D.** (1838-1916) and the widow of **Will Ogg** (1871-1949). It is as though the brief comments that follow have brought feelings of walking on holy ground. This godly saint taught a young pastor so many valuable lessons. Her eyesight was failing so she wanted "Brother Jim," my esteemed title in her mind, to read and discuss Scripture during every visit. She frequently urged me to memorize Scripture as she had done in earlier years and was still doing. She



said, "I hide the Word in my heart, not only because it will keep me from sin as the psalmist counseled **IN Psalm 119:11**, but it will not be long until my sight is gone and I will no longer be able to read the Bible."

When I left that pastorate to accept a new congregation in **Washington Courthouse, Ohio**, as a "church planter" serving under the Ohio Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention," Mrs. Ogg gave me two gifts. One was her picture with a personal note written on the back. The other was a vase, that she considered her most precious possession. Her father, Dr. Sandlin, had brought it from the 1904 Saint Louis World Fair. She was eighty-one at the time and you can imagine what these items mean to me now that I am eighty-six. In addition, I cherish the greatest gift from my wonderful friend, learning to memorize Scripture. In her memory, I am sharing a bookmark as the first gift to our readers and friends from **The Prayer Seminar** [founded as **J. Gordon Henry Ministries** in 1984].

Here is the message written on the back of Mrs. Ogg's photo: "Bro Jim, You will never know what an inspiration you have been to me the past four years. Some of my richest Christian experiences have been during your ministry. I cherish the many visits and heart-to-heart talks we have had in my home and the hospital May the Lord bless your work. Martha Ogg, Age eight-one years."

## A Prayer by the 1st President of the United States, 1789-1797



George Washington

"Father of his Country"

Born: February 22, 1732, Fredricksburg, VA  
Died: December 14, 1799, Mount Vernon, VA

*ALMIGHTY GOD, we make our earnest prayer that You will keep the United States in Your holy protection; that You will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And, finally, that You most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and without which we can never be a happy nation. Grant our supplications, we beseech You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

## A Word from the 3rd President of the United States, 1801-1809

Thomas Jefferson

"Author of the  
Declaration of Independence"

Born: April 13, 1743, Virginia

Died: July 4, 1826, Charlottesville, VA



*"Indeed, I tremble for my country when  
I reflect that God is just."*

## Clarification

A number have asked about availability and cost of copies of items we share in the **Reflector** such as *Praying for One Another* or *Do You Know Your ABC's?* Generally, we keep on hand a supply of each item we share. Since **The Prayer Seminar** [founded as **J. Gordon Henry Ministries** in 1984] is a faith ministry, there is no charge for the item or shipping. We remain a faith ministry that depends on the gifts of **Doorkeepers** and other friends. Contributions are appreciated, but never mandatory.

## "IN CHRIST"

A favorite expression from Paul is that a believer is "in Christ." Is there any better or more secure place to be? Think about your position. Consider, "in Christ" we have a love that cannot be fathomed; a life that can never die; a righteousness that can never be tarnished; a peace that cannot be understood; a rest that can never be disturbed; a joy that can never be diminished; a hope that can never be disappointed; a glory that can never be clouded; a light that can never be darkened; a happiness that can never be interrupted; a strength that can never be enfeebled; a purity that can never be defiled; a beauty that can never be marred; a wisdom that can never be baffled; resources that can never be exhausted.

**Therefore, you kings, be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling" (Psalm 2:10-11).**

**SOME THINGS GOD CANNOT DO: CONTRADICT HIS NATURE; LIE; DIE; CHANGE; COMPROMISE HIS HOLINESS, SEE SINS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE.**