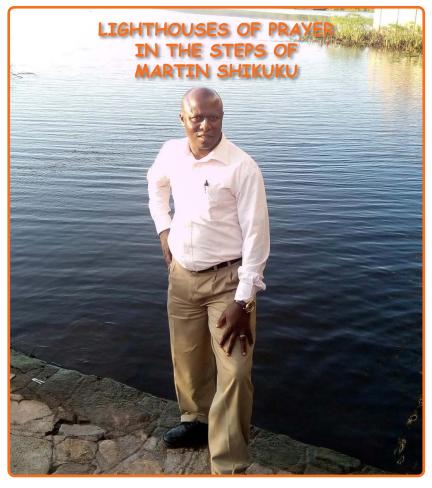
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A LIGHT INSIDE THE NATION ISAIAH 49:6



GOAL: ESTABLISH EVERYWHERE (one person, one family, one church, one class, one prayer group, two people)

"[PRAY] ... SING TO THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING." Psalm 147:7

In the September Reflector we began a study of thanksgiving in prayer. Although thanksgiving is included in the prayer seminar as one of five elements of prayer Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Seeking for self (petition) and for others (intercession) I have not written as much about it as I have some of the others. Thus, my thought was to focus on thanksgiving in the October and November Reflectors

You will remember that a serious student of the Bible is always wise to ask for the Holy Spirit's help when he wants to learn. After all, the Holy Spirit is our Teacher in all things spiritual. The truth is that God already knows our heart's desire, but His way is for His children to own up to their desires verbally. In fact, He wants us to learn to pray to the point that we order our lives around prayer and pray about everything. As we transition to new leadership for the prayer seminar ministry, we have declared our mantra for these months EVERYTHING BY PRAYER.

Examine yourself. When was the last time that you had a really thankful heart to the point of ecstatic exhilaration? We must cultivate the <u>attitude of gratitude</u>. George Herbert's' simply-stated prayer might very well be the model that you and I need to use in asking for God's help in this venture: "Thou Who has given me so much, give me one thing more a thankful heart."

As we pursue practicing the presence of God in our prayer lives, the matter of sincere thanksgiving will go a long way to bringing this mindset about. Do you remember any of the points raised in the September study of thanksgiving?

Many Christians use praise and thanksgiving interchangeably. However, there are differing meanings for the words. When we reflect upon who God is

THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING

In a composite sense, one could say that five emphases displayed in the early church in Jerusalem constitute "the main thing"--(1) the Word of God; (2) Spirit-filled believers; (3) prayer; (4) witnessing; and (5) stewardship. Of these prayer is the work that must be foundational to the others.

In the light of this understanding, we could ask some pinpointed questions:

(1) What would happen if a denomination made prayer a top priority? (2) What would happen if a church made prayer a top priority? (3) What would happen if a Christian institution of higher learning made prayer a top priority? (4) What would happen to a home (biblical marriage as the band) if prayer is made a priority? (5) What would happen to a believer if he/she made prayer a priority?

Ponder these questions. In the November Reflector, I will share information from the Evangelical Free Church, from Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, and some personal testimonies from seminar alumni.

(His essence, His character, His attributes), we give praise. When we reflect on God's goodness, we praise Him. Through praise and worship, we seek His face for fellowship and intimacy. As we seek His face and bring **Adoration** that element of prayer is praise and worship based on who He is!

On the other hand, Thanksgiving relates to God's deeds. Through the element of prayer known as Thanksgiving, we express gratitude for what His hand has wrought in our lives. The psalmist said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2). Thanksgiving in prayer is humbly acknowledging His work on our behalf and expressing gratitude for what He has bestowed upon us. Make it a point, as you enter into your private place of prayer, to use some of your prayer time with moments of sincere expressions of thanks to God.

Thanksgiving has always been appropriate. In the Old Testament o express thankfulness, the children of Israel were instructed to make a wave offering to the Lord (Leviticus 7:28-30), God told the people of Israel to bring their fellowship offerings personally, with their own hands. They were to take time and effort to express thanks to God and not take His blessings for granted. LESSON. You and I need to do the same. You are the only one that can express your thankfulness to God and to others. The same is true for me! Remember to thank God for His gifts, both tangible and intangible, visible and invisible — life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, family, friends, food, health, lodging to name a few.

One incident in the life of Israel is striking and illustrative for the need to be broad in thankfulness. After carefully accounting for all their men following a major military victory, the officers discovered that not one soldier had been lost in battle. At once, they thanked God (Numbers 31:48-50). <u>LESSON</u>: After going through rough times, we should be quick to thank God for delivering us and protecting us from severe loss. Certain Levites were appointed to give continual praise and thanks to God (1 Chronicles 6:4). **LESSON**. Both praise (adoration) and thanksgiving should be a regular part of our routine, not reserved only for celebrating special events. Praise God and give Him thanks continually, and you will find that you won't get into the rut of taking His blessings for granted.

Moving to the New Testament, remember the parameters Paul set for thanksgiving: "In everything give thanks" (1Thessalonians 5:18). If you and I are not careful, we will find ourselves spending our prayer time in asking for ourselves and others. We must make a conscious effort to include praise and thanksgiving. In Nigeria, September-October-November-December are called Eber, a word that has to do with fresh beginnings. For more on "Eber" see page ten. Hopefully these studies will help. Thanking Him for all things will make a difference in your outlook.

Scattered throughout this issue of the Reflector are PRACTICAL IDEAS that can be used in thanksgiving. Paul admonished the Corinthian believers to "pray with understanding" (1 Corinthians

14:15). While praying from the heart in genuine sincerity is basic to all types of praying, the more we understand the Biblical teachings regarding the five elements of prayer covered during a prayer seminar, the more our praying will not only be satisfying to ourselves, but to God as well. Do you agree? Giving thanks is the will of God and is evidence of being "Spirit filled" (which literally means "Spirit-controlled" (Ephesians 5:18).

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

PRAY THANKFULLY

You are ready to pray. First of all, begin by gratefully expressing appreciation for the provision and privilege of prayer. What a wonder it is that you and I are invited to come directly into the place termed the "holiest" in the Scriptures. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holies by the blood of Jesus" (Hebrews 10:19). What does "holiest" mean? "Holiest" means "holiest." One can only stand in amazement and then ask, "Where is the holiest place?" The place is in the Throne Room of Heaven. Why is this point the "holiest" place? Why, that is the place where the Father sits on His throne with His glorified Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, seated at His right hand (the position of honor and authority). Reflect on this vital information that

is invaluable: "Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and grace to help in time of need" (Hebrew 4:16). Prayer is not bringing God down to earth; prayer is going into the Father's presence in Heaven's Throne Room the "holiest place."

Our access to the Father is only through the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way. Prayer is coming to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. PRAY THANKFULLY,

PRAY THOUGHTFULLY

Pray with the full realization that you are in the presence of the Father and conduct yourself properly. Then remember that at the moment you begin to pray both Jesus our Paraclete, i.e, "Helper" in Heaven (1 John 2:1) and the Holy Spirit (our Paraclete; i.e. "Helper" who lives in us) have joined you during your prayer time (Romans 8:26-27). The subject of verse 26 is the Holy Spirit who works as our "interpreter" as we pray; the subject of verse 27 is Jesus who knows the mind of the Holy Spirit and is praying for us. Amazing! The very moment we begin to pray both the Holy Spirit and Jesus join us!

APPLICATION:

We need to be careful to <u>be</u> <u>definite in returning thanks</u>. We come to God with specific petitions, and that is proper, but when we return thanks our thanksgiving is

PROY FOR US

indefinite and general. It is important to take time to correct this weakness by meditating on blessings we have received from the hand of God. Some years ago, as I browsed at a book sale in a mall in Sioux City, Iowa, I found an autobiography of E. Stanley Jones, the great missionary statesman who served in India, for one dollar. It is intriguing to follow his thoughts written late in his life. One thing that he advised was to thank God for ordinary things pointing out that it is a spiritual mistake to take them for granted.

In the New Testament, <u>no sin</u> <u>offering</u> is imposed upon the Gospel. <u>Rather, thank offerings</u> are what God is looking for from believers today. The Lord Jesus Christ became our sin offering; in return, we bring our thank

offerings. We must give thanks! This is God's expressed will for His children. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19, the Word of God commands believers to do the following:

v16. Rejoice evermore.

V17. Pray without ceasing.

v18. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

v19. Quench not the Spirit.

Not only is it right and proper, believers who do not give thanks are out of God's will. Incidentally, note the "in" which is different than "for." The commandment is not to give thanks for everything that happens but <u>in</u> the midst of whatever is happening. We are encouraged to thank God for what He has done.

IN GOD WE TRUST

EXEMPLARS

"What have they seen in your house?" was the question Isaiah posed to Hezekiah long ago (Hanging on a wall of the John Hollands' Yorktown, Virginia kitchen is a gift presented by their friends, Connie & Sandra Newton in 1983 and their "family"- Denise and Amy. John and Glenda and their daughter, Joanna, have been "special friends" since 1978 and faithful Doorkeepers since the beginning of the prayer seminar ministry in 1984. John & Glenda have been honorary members of the JGHM Board of Directors from our founding. John served as the Master of Ceremonies for both our golden (50) and diamond (60) wedding anniversary celebrations.

LIKE JESUS

I want to BE like Jesus
This is my earnest plea,
His love within my life to show
That He's controlling me.

I want to LIVE like JESUS
His holy life through mine,
That all the world around me may
Know His life through me doth
shine

I want to LOVE like Jesus
In deed as well as word,
That everyone I see may know
I glorify my Lord.

I want to THINK like Jesus With holy thoughts and pure My mind consumed by His mind In His great love secure. Willa Mae Whitney



ADAM NATHANSON IN BRAZIL

IN ADAM'S STEPS

Adam has conducted prayer seminars in Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Panama, the United States, and Venezuela since our time in Argentina and Brazil in March 2017. He is a soul-winner, a powerful Bible preacher and excels in teaching. His interest in calling believes to become Lighthouses of Prayer continues to grow as a passion.

The churches that he and his wife Dianna, have planted in Venezuela are growing in spite of the political chaos in that nation that has led severeal million to migrate to other nations. Souls are being saved and believers are being well equipped to share the Gospel message in that troubled land.

Please put Adam, Dianna, and their sons, Daniel and David on your ongoing, active prayer list. PLans are for Adam to assume responsibility for the prayer seminars by December 31.

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NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 5026. Private time and plenty of time are the life of prayer. E.M. Bounds

Note 5027. When you pray, place your gaze on God and your glance on your problems.

Note 5028. Little faith will take your soul to Heaven, but great faith will bring Heaven to your soul. Charles Spurgeon

Note 5029. The man caught up in this world is not ready for the next one.

Note 5030. God's character is our guarantee of good things ahead for the believer.



"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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PRAYER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Matthew 1-4 (Japan 125.5M)

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Norma Ailes (FL)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunioo Andersen (VA)

Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC) Leonor Avila (MD)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Matthew 5-7 (Kenya 47.6M)

Marcia Barna (PA)

Linda Beattie (PA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

Emily Baskin (TN)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA) Dr/ Dennis Hollandsworth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Matthew 8-11 (S. Korea 51.2M)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Loretta Bolen (VA)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

Kathleen Boyce (PA)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurlene Braud (VA)

Michael Breed (WI)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Matthew 12-15 Lesotho 2M)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff/Laura Cannon (FL))

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Matthew 16-19 (Malaysia 31.4M)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ) Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE) Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)

Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC) Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

Tina Darden (MD)

Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY) Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)

Carolyn Dodd (VA)

Jo Ann Dudley (VA)

Micheal & Diane Eagle (VA)

Kathryn Eaton (ME)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Matthew 20-23 (Mexico 124.6M)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Duane Erieau (WI)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD) James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE) Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Matthew 24-25 (Namibia 2.5M James Fugate (CA)

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Pauline Garrett (NJ) Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA) Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK) Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Matt. 26-28 (New Zealand 4.5M)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL) Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN) Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA) William & Sara Hefner (PA)

Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Mark 1-3 (Nigeria 190.6M)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA) Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 Mark 1-3 (N. Ireland 1.9M))

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA) Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Bill Hogan (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA) John & Glenda Holland (VA))

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN) Coy Hunsucker (NC)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12 Mark 8-10 (Pakistan 204.9M)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gene Jeffries (AR)

Mark & Debbie Jenifer (MD) Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

Millicent John (NY)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY) Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Aaron & Iris Johnson (MD)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY) Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)

Vicky Johnson (MD)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA) James Jones (FL)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Mark 11-13 (Panama 3.8M)

Paul Jones (KY)

Theo/Sherry Jones (MD)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL) Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA) Kerby Knob Baptist Church

(KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Mark 14-16 (Paraguy 7M)

Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

Larry & Janet King (NC) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 RonTaylor (VA) Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA) Luke 13-15 (Romania 21.5M) Stephanie Taylor (GA) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN) Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA) Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA) Mona Henry Thomas (VA) Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA) Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID) Pecks Baptist Church (VA) W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN) Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI) Montez Thompson (WI) Bryan Sheehan, Pastor WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 Cathy Tilton (VA) Sandy Pederson (MN) Luke 1-2 (Peru 31M) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 Jack & Carollyn Peerman (VA) Korean Branch: Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) Paula Tipton (TN) Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA) William & Katie Toney (NC) Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA) Virginia Trask (VA) Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Luke 16-18 (Russia 142,3M) Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Phil & Edra Landers (OK) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Diane Troutman (KY) Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA) Del & Mary Leach (VA) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) Marjorie Randall (TX) Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD) Joe & Benita Troutman (KY) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 Dave Ricker (ME) Joyce Riley (KY) Malcom Troutman (KY) Luke 3-6 (Philippines 104.3M) Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY) Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA) Liberty University (VA) Frances Turpin (VA) Cynthia Roach (VA) Jerry Falwell Jr., President John & Sandra Roberts (NC) MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 Delores Liely (MD) Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS) John 6-8 (Swaziland 1.4M) Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Isabel Robotham (NY) Sara Underwood (TN) Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Luke 19-21 (Rwanda 119M) Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) Don & Betty Lowry (SC) James & Shelly Rode (FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ) Manship Chapel (DE) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) Bruce & Vickie Tribbett Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN) Mary Ann Voss (DE) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) Michael/Sandra Ward (IN) Luke 7-8 (Ecuador 16.3) John Saint (PA) Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA) Wilma Marcum (KY) Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 Nick & Pat Markham (VA) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Reg & Gloria Martin (OH) John 9-12 (Switzerland 8.2M) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) Larry & Sue Mason (VA) Joyce Warpoole (TN) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 Beau Ware Masonry (V) Holland & Mary Warren (VA) Luke 23-24 (Scotland 5.3M) Deborah Mathias (NY) Rodger Watts (WI) Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN) Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI) Frank & Nell Weer (KY) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Dan & Fay McConville (VA) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA) ShenandoahValleyBapt Ch (VA) Luke 9-12 (Puerto Rico (3.5M) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 Nellie F. Shepard (CT) R. O. & June McHaney (VA) John 13-17 (Tsnzamia 68.4M) Lola Simpson (NY) Nancy McPherson (ME) Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA) Mary Skiles (KS) Don & Barbara Meduna (CO) Jeff Williamson FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA) Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Betsy Miedema (MI) John 1-2 (Singapore 5.9M) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)) Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Walt & Betty Sommers (VA) Bill & Sharon Moody (VA) Eva Winebarger (VA) Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Helen Sourlis (MD) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 Tim & Pam Steger (ID) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 John 18-21 (Okinawa 1.4M) Carol Snow Stewart (CT) Doris Moos (NJ) Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Elaine Moser (MN) Jon & Selena Wood (PA) Charles Stinson (VA) Drever/Roberta Morton (VA) Layden Wood (VA) Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR) Bob & Diane Nichols (VA) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 Betty Nichols (WA) David & Lili Wykle (VA) John 3-5 (South Africa 54.8M) NE Baptist College (VT) Yeshua Ministries (TN) William Suttles (NC) Mark Ballard, President Dr. Frank Bell, Pres. Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA) Fred & Susan Zeller (VA) Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX) Peter Dorn, Pastor WE CAN PRAY! Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

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Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

Itinerary: 2019

October 2
6 p.m. Beulah Baptist Church
Lynchburg, Virginia
Henrys-Four Generations Singing and
Dr. Henry speaking.
October 12
Prayer Seminar
Living Word Church
4101 Martin Luther King Ave SW
Washington D.C.
Contact: Senior Elder Cliff Beckford
(202) 563-2125

QUOTABLE

"If God is with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us. His arm over us. His ear open to our prayer—His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable."

John Newton

NOTICE: MINISTRY PLANS

Before December 31,2019 seminars may be scheduled directly through JGHM. Beginning January 1, 2020, Adam Nathanson and his team will be responsible for the prayer seminars. Conduct information will be forthcoming. Plans are for JGHM to continue with a limited travel schedule. Plans are to continue publication of the Reflector through 2020, its sixty-sixth year of publication.

We can Pray Daily! We can Tell Others about the prayer seminar.

Out of touch

Most Christians at the present time are dangerously out of touch with the Word of God. Not out of sight—that is a very different thing. Bibles are all around us. But we are still out of touch. To be really in touch with the Word of God is to live in it, be steeped in it, be repeatedly searched and shakened by it, be constantly enlighted and lifted by it, be unceasingly cleansed, corrected, and controlled by it. It is dangerous to be out of touch with the Word of God. The effects are disastrous.

Decisions determine destiny. Why not think about your ways? David said, "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:59). Do you know where your Bible is? Is it time to do a SPIRITUAL INVENTORY? Dwight L. Moody observed that he had never seen a useful Christian who was not in the Word of God. Are you a useful Christian?

If your assessment leads you to conclude that you neglect the Word of God in your lifestyle, don't waste time in regret. Schedule a time today and tomorrow and each day ahead to (1) pick up your Bible; (2) hold it in your hands; (3) breathe a prayer for God to speak to you out of the Word: "Open Thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law" (Psalm 119:18); (4) open it; and (5) read until you know that you are in touch with the Word of God. Don't live dangerously.

IF YOU ARE NOT AS CLOSE TO JESUS AS YOU USED TO BE, DON'T FORGET WHO MOVED! HE REMAINS READY TO RECEIVE YOU AS YOU RETURN! TODAY! NOW!

The Truly Wise Person

As revealed in **Proverbs**, the truly wise person will

- ⇒ Hear the Word of God (1:5)
- ⇒ Obey the Word of God (2:15)
- ⇒ Store up what is learned (9:9; 10:14)
- ⇒ Win the lost (11:30)
- ⇒ Turn from sin (14:16)
- ⇒ Be diligent (10:5)
- ⇒ Inherit glory (3:30)
- \Rightarrow Bring joy to others (10:1,15:20)
- ⇒ Have his needs met (21:20)
- ⇒ Have strength for war (v24)

Without <u>wisdom</u>, <u>knowledge</u> is useless and there will be no <u>understanding</u>.

In <u>Shem Kamla Ladan</u>'s "September 2019 Letter-Writing Month" letter, he writes: "It is EBER again. Eber means September. October. November, December [in our Nigerian culture] "believing more prosperity. New things started as the Eber of September commenced. Happy 84th birthday." You know what? I like that thought and found it quite intriguing at this particular point in my life 84th birthday bringing in the 85th year of life using John Wesley's accounting system! Consequently, let's add December to our study of the element of prayer known as Thanksgiving!

Certainly November, the month we observe a national thanksgiving day, and December, the month we celebrate God's greatest gift of His own Son, make a study of thanksgiving appropriate to lead up to these months. Since several have expressing appreciation for the September study, I know that this emphasis has struck a chord. We need to be reminded!

Trusting Jesus"Trust in God; Trust also in Me." John 14:1

Simply trusting every day, Trusting through a stormy way; Even when my faith is small, Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain
Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly does His Spirit shine Into this poor heart of mine; While He leads I cannot fall; Trusting Jesus, that is all. Refrain

Singing, if my way is clear, Praying i tfhe path be drear; If in danger for Him call; Trusting Jesus, that is all. Refrain

Trusting Him while life shall last, Trusting Him till earth be past; Till within the jasper wall, Trusting Jesus, that is all. Refrain

One of my favorite hymns is entitled, "Trusting Jesus, That is All." The lyrics, written in 1876 by Edgar P. Stites (1836-1921) who also wrote "Beulah Land," first appeared as a poem in a newspaper. They were given to Ira Sankey's partner Dwight Moody, who asked Sankey to write music for them. Each refrain proffers wise advice for daily living.

Another one is by B. B. McKinny (1886-1952), "Have Faith in God." course, these are biblical perspectives. A person does not

have to live many years until he understands that no one knows what a day will bright forth. Sometimes there is a soft, south wind and other times there is a tempestuous wind. Through it all, we must learn to depend upon the Lord as we walk by faith.

There is no such thing as faith without trust. Trust may be defined as resting on the integrity or friendship of another. To trust someone is to have confidence in, to rely on them. Trust is effortless confidence based on the character of the one in whom it is reposed.

Psalm 37 tells us about the nature and the benefits of trust. We find in this psalm that trust is "looking to God and doing good," (v 3), "delighting in the Lord," (v 4), "committing our way to the Lord," (v 5), "not fretting when the wicked succeed," (v 7), "refraining from anger and wrath," (v 8), "being satisfied with little" (v 16), "giving generously to others," (v 21), "turning from evil to do good," (v 27), "planting God's Law in our hearts," (v 31), "waiting for the Lord," (v 34), "keeping His way," (v 34), and "taking refuge in the Lord" (v 40).

Trust is in fact a way of life, the way of life we choose when we commit ourselves to the Lord.

The same psalm reveals the outcome of trust. One who actively commits himself to the Lord can expect these benefits: "to enjoy safe pasture (v 3), "To receive the desires of his heart," (v 4), 'To be vindicated," (vv 5-6), "to inherit the land," (vv 9, 22, 34), "to enjoy great peace," (v 11), "to be upheld by God," (v 17), "to gain an enduring inheritance," (v 18), "to enjoy plenty in days of famine," (v 19), "to be upheld by the Lord," (v 24), "to always live securely," (v 27), "to never be forsaken by God," (v 28), "to not slip" (v 31), "to see the wicked cut off," (v 34), "to have a future," (v 37), and "to be helped and delivered by the Lord" (v 40).

A Seminar in Porto Alegre, Brazil

























Loving God and loving each other and the story never ends.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us (1 Samuel 7:12)

On May 1, 1984, we launched the prayer seminar ministry under the banner, J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES. The charter was not received until May 29, 1984, declaring that we are a non-profit Tennessee corporation eligible for the 501.3.c federal designation. Dr. Henry personally has conducted 1,732 prayer seminars in forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and fifty-seven other nations. Miles traveled total 2,837,890 miles. We praise God for His call, His enablement, and His Hand of blessing that has made each seminar special.

E.S.MULOMBA, M.D.

After the Soviet Union was dissolved, Christianity as we know it began to thrive. Sue and I were invited to conduct a series of prayer seminars in Russia and in Ukraine. We began in Asbest, in the Ural Mountains. After a visit to Moscow and Red Square, we traveled to Kiev, Ukraine. Hundreds gathered for the prayer seminars. The seventy-nine page workbook that we used until 2004 was translated into Russia The believers received both of us and the Word eagerly. They were thrilled to have a prayer seminar workbook in their language. The unction of the Holy Spirit rested over the sessions.

One young man asked for an English workbook and he took copious notes. His eyes sparkled with interest. We became friends. Enock Mulomba, a medical student, was from Zambia. He shared: Christians in my country



DR. AND MRS. ENOCK MULOMBA

need desperately what you are teaching. Could you come to Zambia? My response was simply, Once you return to Zambia and get your medical practice established, we will come. This visit opened the doors to prayer seminars in South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana and the establishment of J. Gordon Henry Ministries: Southern Africa Branch headed by Leslie and Tabitha MotsalanE (Welkom, Free State, South Africa).

Dr. Mulomba and his wife, Patience, are the prayer seminar leaders for Botswana where he is the chief medical officer in a large hospital. Here is his testimony as to what the prayer seminar meant in his life from the cover of a 1996 Reflector.

"God bless you, Dr. Henry, my teacher!
I. God has taught me the following
things during the prayer seminar:

- 1. I need to confess my sins specifically, and not generally.
- 2. To be Spirit-filled is to be led by the Spirit, and not getting more of Him.
- 3. That I have been praying less and have become disorganized.

 II. Here are my decisions for each day from henceforth:
- 1. I will name my sins and confess them specifically.
- 2. <u>I will always seek to be led by the Spirit, and not self.</u>
- 3. <u>I will organize my prayer life</u> from Monday to Sunday.

In conclusion, I say, It's my move and I am ready to begin now.

Signed Enock S. Mulomba, M.D., Zambia

In Martin's Steps A Sequel to the Story

Many of our readers have kept up with Martin Shikuku's amazingly fruitful ministry in <u>Kenya</u> and neighboring nations in <u>East/Central Africa</u>. While he is the director for JGHM East/Central Africa Branch teaching and mobilizing believers to be <u>Lighthouses of Prayer</u> to push against the spiritual darkness, he is a husband, a father, and a pastor. Some of you have had the privilege of meeting Martin personally during visits to the United States and you can attest that he is an anointed messenger of the Lord.



MARTIN & ANNE SHIKUKU

During the first eight months of 2019, Martin and his team have conducted eighteen prayer seminars for pastors/leaders. Here is his report for January-August 2019: Hundreds have participated. Churches represented 965; pastors 954; professions of faith -839; miles traveled 1,407; days on the road 41. This work is in addition to his work as pastor-teacher in Eldoret, his home town situated in the beautiful Rift Valley in West Kenya. Further, he is a leading figure in the work of the Kenya Baptist Convention.

At the closing session of each prayer seminar, Martin'students commit themselves to being Lighthouses of Prayer by reading in agreement Isaiah 62:6 from the front cover of their Swahili prayer seminar workbooks: Sobre tus muros, oh Jerusalen, he puesto guardas, todo el dia y toda la noche no callaran gamas (ISAIAS62:6). I have set watchmen on the wall. O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night. Martin shares: As is our custom, each person puts in the name of his city/town/village as he/she makes the commitment.

Martin explained: Many truths in the prayer seminar are new to participants including the following: (1) prayerlessness is a sin, not just an area of neglect; (2) the primacy of the Word of God in a Christian's life; (3) the basic definition of prayer as coming to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit to pray for self and for others; (4) basic information on spiritual warfare; and (5) the will of God for every believer is to be Spirit-filled which means Spirit-controlled. You can imagine how life changing these new truths would be!

Martin continues: Thanks for the prayer coverage you and the Ropeholder Doorkeepers provide over our daily lives for ministry and as a family. Hunger for the prayer seminars is always high here in East/Central Africa. Churches, pastors, leaders and other believers are becoming Lighthouses of Prayer.

Now, you see why we have continued to invest in God's work through his servant, Martin! We are what Martin called the big elephants and he and his colleagues in Kenya are the little elephants who follow the big elephant. Close by my desk is the carving that he and his church gave to me years ago to remember their commitment to carry the prayer seminar far and wide to establish Lighthouses of prayer. MARTIN'S VAN ENABLES THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSENGERS TO BE CARRIED OVER EAST/CENTRAL AFRICAN NATIONS touching lives and establishing Lighthouses of Prayer! Once again, please read 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 and remember we are laborers together with God. My dream is that some church in the United States, perhaps an African-American congregation, that is concerned with world outreach would adopt Martin and his amazing ministry in East/Central Africa, Please contact **JGHM** for additional information if the Holy Spirit stirs your heart in this matter.

ADAM NATHANSON TO BRAZIL

From the beginning of the March 2017 prayer seminars in beautiful **Porto Alegre**, a city of four million in eastern Brazil's Rio Grande DoSul

Province, it was obvious that the Holy Spirit was moving and hearts were being stirred in a powerful manner. Hundreds attended the twelve prayer seminars much to the surprise of the coordinators. The flow of teaching/learning could not have been better. 2,600 attended the twelve prayer seminars. Many committed to becoming Lighthouses of Prayer.

A former president of Brazil for Christ, an evangelical, indigenous fellowship of 2,200 local churches scattered throughout Brazil, was sent from Sao Paula to extend an invitation for us to return in October for their annual convention, attended by several thousand. We would be given six hours of the three-day meeting and arrangements would be made for as many prayer seminars in local churches that we would like to schedule. Knowing that the Lord was dealing with me regarding time away from home, I encouraged them to invite Adam to conduct the prayer seminars.

During a recent month-long trip to Brazil, Adam visited the **Porto Alegre**, conducted a few seminars and spoke in several churches, and made plans to return September 25 through October 7. We are thrilled knowing the influence of **Brazil for Christ** throughout the nation.

Join Sue and me in providing prayer covering for the Brazilian venue. Knowing the excitement and receptivity of the Brazilians to the prayer seminar content, we anticipate another mighty moving of God. As you know this is a crucial time for **JGHM** as we turn responsibility for the prayer seminars over to Adam and his team.

DID WE FORGET, AGAIN?

The conflict between good and evil seemed to accelerate upon the arrival of a new millenium. Not only was there an attack on human life with the acceptance of abortions there was an attack on traditional marriage between a man and a woman. Alternative lifestyles moved from the shadows into the marketplace under the quise of "civil rights."

9/11 seemed to get our attention with many calling on God. The "return to God" and to His standards was shortlived. Then an open attack on religious freedom began. During the Oboma years, it became commonplace to call evil good and good evil.

Things appeared hopeless and some evangelical and conservative leaders became concerned. There were prayer meetings at every state captial. The election results in 2016 were viewed as an answer to prayer and a reprieve from what appeared a victory for those who support behavior that God terms abominable.

It is unnecessary to say more because everyone knows, having seen with his/her own eyes and heard with his/her own ears. We are instructed in the Bible to pray for our leaders. We can start by praying for our national leaders. Therefore, this is a call to keep praying for them beginning with our President

