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AMAZING GRACE [The World's Greatest Story]

"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God commended His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (**Romans 5:6-8**).

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ; as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God to Him" (**2 Corinthians 5:20-21**).

Perspectives

A few months ago, much attention was given to the Lord Jesus Christ as a newborn baby. Greeting cards were passed and Christmas carols filled the airways. While no one can question this display of adulation and adoration, it is important to remember His purpose for coming into the world. He came to lay down His life, shed His blood, to take our sins in His own body and pay for them with His own stripes.

Noting that “it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins,” the writer of **Hebrews** said, “Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: ‘*Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come in the volume of the book it is written of Me to do Your will, O God’*” (**Hebrews 10:5-7**). He goes on to declare that “once for all” Jesus gave His body to fulfill the will of the Father.

But His birth and His death are not the complete story. His burial and His resurrection are key elements in the story. Paul wrote to the **Romans** “concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (**Romans 1:3-4**). Later, Paul said, “As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (**Romans 6:4**).

Christ was raised up from the death!

This is the difference between Christianity and other religions. We serve a living Savior!

The customary Easter-greetings in the United States contain no reference to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is not true in other countries. A typical Greek expression is “Christ is risen!” followed by the response, “He is truly risen!”. A Latin greeting is “He lives!” and the response is “He lives indeed!” “Happy Easter” does not glorify the risen Savior.

How important is the resurrection? The declaration that “on the third day He rose again from the dead” is the great climactic truth of our faith, the necessary keystone in the arch of our hope. No resurrection, no redemption! No open grave, no opened heaven! No risen Christ, no risen Christians! This is the unavoidable alternative: “If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain. . . . Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God. . . . If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished” (**1 Corinthians 15:14-18**). But He is risen! Paul triumphed, “Now is Christ risen.” This is the message of Easter that needs to ring forth, clear and without hesitation.

The witnesses. An imposing array of witnesses declare that Christ is risen. **Luke** declares: “He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs” (**Acts 1:3**). Long ago, **Thomas Arnold**, beloved headmaster of Rugby, asserted that no fact in history is so well attested as the Savior’s resurrection. We would do well to read through the evidence and listen to the testimonies that on the third day He rose from the dead.

Mary Magdalene, who hastened to the tomb even before daybreak, the first in all the world to meet the resurrected Savior,

asserted, *"I have seen the Lord!"* The **other women** who lingered long at the cross on Good Friday and who likewise came early on that Sunday morning to embalm the Savior's body, found the stone rolled away and an angel of the Lord, clothed with raiment white as dazzling snow. *"He is not here, He is risen"* was the cry that greeted them. They could explain how as they left the empty tomb they met Jesus heard Him speak joy to their hearts, fell at His feet and worshiped Him.

Simon Peter, restored by a glance of his Savior's grace, knelt before his resurrected Lord, and though the Scriptures give us no details of the meeting, we may well believe Peter could testify that Jesus raised nail-scarred hands in benediction on him who was to become the rock disciple. And then, there is **James**, one of our Lord's brothers, who at first did not accept Him as God's Son and the world's Savior, likewise stood face to face with Jesus; and if he could give his testimony to the **Reflector** readers, he would assert that his whole life was rebuilt and purified through the contact. **Thomas**, known as the doubter, who would not believe unless he saw the print of the nails and put his own fingers into those scars, mounts the witness stand in behalf of Jesus to announce that he did behold the wounded hands and feet, the riven side, and that we will be blessed if we believe even though we do not see.

Remember the **two disciples on the Emmaus road who were filled with unspeakable joy** when Christ *"went in to tarry with them."* Their testimony was one of the best ever given as to the impact of their encounter with the risen Lord: "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (**Luke 24:32**). The **entire company of disciples**, who had hid

themselves behind shut doors and suddenly saw their glorified Savior standing in their midst to declare: *"Peace be unto you!"* The **seven followers** who went fishing with the resurrected Christ and with Him ate breakfast on the shore could testify that Jesus is alive! **Five hundred believers**, who in one manifestation, perhaps on Mount Tabor in Galilee, could take the stand and give credible testimony. Then, after forty days, there were those **believers gathered on the Mount of Olives** at His ascension. After all these, **Paul** would stand in agreement with the testimonies and give his personal testimony of his life-changing experience of seeing his glorified Savior on the Damascus road. It was this moment that became the foundation of his faith. He would set out to conquer the world for Him.

All are personal, competent witnesses to this miracle of the ages the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and provide the insight that causes us to declare to the last enemy, "O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (**1 Corinthians 15:55, 57**). Once again, behold Jesus emerging from the tomb and take heart in the comfort that all God's beloved, through Christ, will come forth to life eternal. "Come see the place where the Lord lay and go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (**Matthew 28:6b-7a**).

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Prayer's work

Prayer makes the darken'd clouds withdraw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;

Gives exercise to faith and love;

Brings every blessing from above.

Charles Spurgeon

Only one way out

About eighty men fighting a forest fire were being trapped without knowing it. An unknown airplane pilot, seeing their plight, risked his own life by flying low enough to drop weighted paper notes to these men. Three times he did this, and the notes told the men that they were trapped, that the pilot could see the way out, and that he would guide them to safety.

The men believed the pilot's words and obeyed him instantly. They dropped their tools and followed their guide. They ran through a narrow, flame-lined corridor and all reached the highway safely.

Note that the men did not stop to argue about the notes that came from above, to see whether or not they were genuine. Neither did they take any chances by trying to find some other way out. They believed the only one who could view the whole scene, ran for their lives and were saved

God, who alone, can view the whole scene of this troubled world, sent His Son to save men, and He calls on them to believe His Word that tells the story of Jesus, His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection) and believe (trust) Jesus as Savior and Lord. He is the One who explained: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (**John 14:6**). How futile to try to find other ways out. How wonderful to know that "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (**John 3:17**). Indeed, Jesus is the only way Home to the Father.

One year to live

The **Baltimore Sun** conducted a contest, and the following poem received a prize for the best answer to the question, "What would you do if you had one more year to live?"

"If I had but one year to live;
One year to help; one year to give;
One year to love; one year to bless;
One year of better things to stress;

One year to sing; one year to smile;
One year to sing my Maker's praise
One year to fill with work my days
One year to strive for a reward
When I should stand before my Lord,

I think that I would spend each day,
In just the very self-same way
That I do now. For from afar
The call may come across the bar
At any time, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.

So if I have a year to live,
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow-creature when in need;
'Tis one with me I take no heed.
But try to live each day He sends
To serve my gracious Master's ends."

Mary Davis Reed

The Holy Spirit at work

"Your seminar has been like lighter fluid on a burning ember! I could see the Holy Spirit bring to light the truths you so beautifully set forth. A raging fire of desire to glorify God and serve God through prayer has been kindled. Thank you! Your materials are excellent!" J. T. G., New York

Lives have been changed! Christians have been renewed! Churches have been revived! Why not schedule a prayer seminar in your church?

Itinerary

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

April

**7-9 Video Prayer Seminar
Family Worship Center
East Point GA**

**3-25 Prayer Seminars
Venezuela**

- ✓ **Caracas**
- ✓ **Yaracuy**
- ✓ **Turmero**
- ✓ **Clarines**
- ✓ **Cumana**
- ✓ **Caripe-Congress of Prayer (300)**
- ✓ **Anaco**
- ✓ **Puerto La Cruz**

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Our Great Prayer Book

Someone has said, we should never pray without reading the Bible, and we should never read the Bible without praying. The Bible is both the asking Book and the answer Book. If we do not receive answers in prayer, it is because we do not know how to ask. We must dig into the Bible to find out about both.

The Bible is full of **praying people**, all kinds of them. What an exciting galaxy of stars! We watch and learn all the grand lessons of prayer from them.

The Bible is full of **prayer promises**. There are no promises like these anywhere! The Bible holds more prayer promises than any other kind of promises.

The Bible offers much to those who pray. And the greatest offers are found in the simplest of all promises.

Above everything, the Bible gives us the prayer promises of Jesus. These are the greatest, the most plain and the most profound of all promises. There are no promises in the Bible so wide open! Like **Luke 11:10 NKJV**, "...everyone who asks receives ... he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

The more we read Jesus' teaching about prayer, the plainer it becomes. The more plainer it becomes, the more plentiful and the more powerful are His promises. **John 14:14** says, "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." This is like offering pure gold, and we don't know how to handle it!

The prayer promises of Jesus actually cover all of life and living every need, every problem, and every situation. God really loves prayer and loves to answer prayer, all the time.. This seems too good to be true! It's hard to believe, and that's our problem!

These prayer promises are life-changing. With every answer God does two things. He changes us, while changing things. Double action! We are a part of every prayer we pray, and we are a part of every answer we receive. This explains the delay in many an answer.

Many people are saying, "I'd like to pray the way I see them praying in the Bible; and I'd like to get answers like I see them getting in the Bible." That's exactly what the Lord has in mind for us! That's why He has given us the Bible to be our supreme **PRAYER BOOK**.

Senior's version:

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair be white as snow
Though my sight be growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. (3X)
THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(Chorus)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

(Chorus)

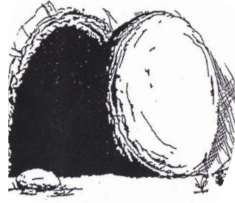
When my work on earth is done,
And life's vict'ries have been won.
He will take me home above,
Safe in Jesus' arms of love.
(Chorus)

"More Effective Than Revivals"

"Dr. Henry, I've been in three of your prayer seminars. It is the most wonderful experience I've had. Every church should have at least one. It has helped me in my prayer life. I believe it to be more effective than revivals. It covers so much of the Bible at one time." — **Cathryn Hensley** (Virginia)

The **Prayer Seminar** is a six-hour event that can be used with an entire congregation or with smaller groups, such as **elders, deacons, men/women's retreats, or leadership**. Send three possible dates. We will respond immediately.

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 2021. Because Jesus lives, He has life to give.

Note 2022. Jesus said: "Because I live, you shall live also."

Note 2023. The resurrection of Jesus Christ distinguishes Christianity from all other religions of the world.

Note 2024. Our Lord's bodily resurrection insures a bodily resurrection for every believer.

Note 2055. Every religion has a founder who lived, died, and was buried; but Christianity has a founder who lived, died, was buried and after three days arose victoriously from the grave. He lives!

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

February 24-March 21

Regular	30	\$3,116.00
Martin's van	10	1,120.00
Venezuela	<u>45</u>	<u>4,793.00</u>
Total	61	\$9,029.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Did you know?
We have DOORKEEPERS
in forty--one states.
Let's pray for one another!

PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2011

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



FRIDAY, APRIL 1

1 KINGS 1-4 (Venezuela 28M)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
Norma Ailes (FL)
H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

1 KINGS 5-8 (Venezuela 28M)

Milcie Arnold (VA)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
Consuela Baker (NC)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Frank Bell (TN)
Tommy Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

MONDAY, APRIL 4

1 KINGS 9-11 (Venezuela 28M)
Bob Bouchard (KY)
Gordon/Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
David & Marna Boyd (CA)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Em & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Mary Ann Brown (GA)

Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

1 KINGS 12-16 (Venezuela 28M)
Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
Janice Bugg (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Laura Cannon (FL)
Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

1 KINGS 17-19 (Venezuela 28M)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Merry J Chandler (MD)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

1 KINGS 20-22 (Venezuela 28M)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

2 KINGS 1-3 (Venezuela 28M)
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Emogene Dorsett (TX)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Walt Edwards (NC)
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Grace Eldridge (NJ)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

2 KINGS 4-8 (Venezuela 28M)
June Fisher (TN)
Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester County Com Ch

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Chad, Windy, Caleb Goodner (OK)
Odether Gray (GA)
Sam & Michele Graisbury (NJ)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Charles Hale (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

MONDAY, APRIL 11

2 KINGS 9-12 (Venezuela 28M)
Bruce, Gina, Sean Henry (VA)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

2 KINGS 13-17 (Venezuela 28M)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert & Almarretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
Jide & Bunmi Iwarere (MD)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

2 KINGS 18-21 (Venezuela 28M)
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

1 CHRON 1-9 (Venezuela 28M)
James & Genevieve Jones (FL)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Jean Jonte (SC)
Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
Bruce Kirby, Pastor
Larry & Janet King (NC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15**1 CHRON 10-16 (Venezuela 28M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Soma Kovoor (TX)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 David & Cathy Laing (FL)
 Phil Landers (OK)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16**1 CHRON 17-21 (Vene 28M)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
 Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC)
 Gaylen & Linda 1 Leverett (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell, Jr., Chancellor
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

MONDAY, APRIL 18**1 CHRON 22-27 (Venezuela 28M)**

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 Leonard & Martha Meador (WV)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Ministers

TUESDAY, APRIL 19**1 CHRON 28-29 (Venezuela 28M)**

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**2 CHRON 1-6 (Venezuela 28M)**

French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21**2 CHRON 7-9 (Venezuela 28M)**

Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Ellen Paulson (MN)
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MI)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22**2 CHRON 10-12 (Venezuela 28M)**

Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 John Reed (NH)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23**2 CHRON 13-16 (Venezuela 28M)**

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 Denise Russell (OR)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (CT)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Wonsub/Young-Mi Sheen (S Korea)
 Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor

MONDAY, APRIL 25**2 CHRON 17-20 (Venezuela 28M)**

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Martin/Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26**2 CHRON 21-25 (Venezuela 28M)**

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**2 CHRON 26-28 (Venezuela 28M)**

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Earleen Thigpen (TN)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 Montez Thompson (CO)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Virginia Trask (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28**2 CHRON 29-32 (Venezuela 28M)**

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29**2 CHRON 33-34 (Venezuela 28M)**

George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Doris Snyder Vernal (FL)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau, Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)
 Kay Warner (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30**2 CHRON 35-36 (Venezuela 28M)**

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Edward Williams (NC)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacker, Pastor

Lili Wykle (VA)
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

Make me a blessing

Two hymns that touched my heart during my twenty-seven years in the pastorate, and even to this day, are **“Make Me a Blessing”** and **“Make Me a Channel of Blessing.”** The words are challenging and convicting. The words form a mirror in which one can see himself at any given moment glimpses that are needed to keep us on track.

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

REFRAIN:

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life, may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,
Tell of His pow’r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if you prove
True very moment you life.

REFRAIN

Give as ‘twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.

REFRAIN

The second hymn is entitled “Make Me a Channel of Blessing.” Again no Christian who hears or sings these words will fail to be moved.

Is your life a channel of blessing?
Is the love of God flowing thro’ you?
Are you telling the lost of the Savior?
Are you ready His service to do?

REFRAIN:

Make me a channel of blessing today,
Make me a channel of blessing, I pray;
My life possessing, my service blessing,
Mke me a channel of blessing today.

Is your life a channel of blessing?
Are you burdened for those who are lost?
Have you urged upon those who are straying
The Savior who died on the cross?
REFRAIN

Is your life a channel of blessing?
Is it daily telling for Him?
Have you spoken the word of salvation
To those who are dying in sin?
REFRAIN

We cannot be channels of blessing
If our lives are not free from known sin;
We will barriers be and a hindrance
To those we are trying to win.
REFRAIN

Certainly the Holy Spirit uses the written Word of God to let us see ourselves as God sees us. Often, it is through a hymn or gospel song that we see ourselves. Don’t neglect the hymns. “The unexamined life is not worth living.” One can only wonder why these hymns are never in the repertoire today.

2011-2012 scheduling

We are presently working on the 2011-2012 prayer seminar schedule. You can help by asking the Holy Spirit if you need to be involved in taking the lead in scheduling a prayer seminar in your area. Send for a packet that contains basic information, letters of reference, and testimonies to share with those you tell about the prayer seminar. Don’t forget that much information can be obtained at www.jgordonhenryministries.org.

Seldom does a small ministry have an opportunity to impact an entire nation. JGHM has been able to do this in South Korea, South Africa, and Nigeria. With the April seminars, we can now add Venezuela. For such opportunities, we praise the Lord and express appreciation to our partners who have provided financial and prayer support.

An itinerary has been mailed. I need your prayer support for each of the twenty-two days for physical stamina and spiritual discernment that not one word would be wasted. We revised the schedule to include two seminars in western Venezuela. Now I have agreed to remain for a sunrise service and preaching on Easter Sunday. We have added \$1,000 to the budget for workbooks and internal travel. We are praying for 100 contributions.

The Venezuela Venture
April 3-25, 2011

Bethlehem and Calvary

There was no room in Bethlehem
For Him who left His throne,
To seek the lost at countless cost
And make their griefs His own.

But there was room at Calvary
Upon the Cross of shame,
For Him to die uplifted high
To bear the sinner's blame.

There was no room in Bethlehem;
And in the world today
Men will not give Him room to live,
And bid Him turn away.

But there is room on Calvary
And there He stands to give
A home to all who heed His call
And look to Him and live.

There was no room in Bethlehem
For Christ, the Prince of Kings,
From throne and crown to earth came down
With healing in His wings.

But there is room at Calvary,
For sinners to abide
And who will come may find a home
In Jesus crucified.

E. M. Clarksons

NOW and THEN

NOW as through a glass, but darkly
Future hopes by faith we trace;
THEN in realms of radiant glory
We shall see our Savior's face.

NOW by faith we see Him only,
Our reflections may be dim;
THEN when He appears to call us,
We shall really be like Him.

NOW, by scientific findings,
Men attempt to conquer space;
THEN, our mighty Lord will take us
Where He has prepared our place.

NOW, by His command, we're spreading
His great Gospel Truth abroad;
THEN, we'll see His blest presence
Those we brought to Christ our Lord.

Mabel E. Palmer

R Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
E Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
M Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
E John & Elberta McSween (Trinidad)
M Leslie & Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
B Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
E Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
R Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)
E Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
R Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
E Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)

East and Central Africa:Kenya

Martin's van and more

The project launched in January is finished! The goal has been reached! When I returned from the prayer seminars in **Kenya-Tanzania**, organized by **Martin Shikuku**, I told the story of Martin's step of faith to procure a Toyota van (by trading in the Sedan car our **Doorkeepers** provided and using the funds we had set aside to rent a van for the trip). However, the balance to pay for it was \$4,000 and Martin had nothing except a measure of faith! Now, thanks to forty-seven partners, the balance is zero! Thanks for providing Martin a van, a tool that will enable him to serve more effectively in **East and Central Africa**.

And the doors keep opening! On March 15, Martin reported: "There are two good Christian radio and television stations with twenty-four hour programming." Almost one-half of Kenya (20 million people) are within listening range including **Tororo** in **Uganda** (where we conducted seminars earlier). He has used the stations to announce events related to the prayer seminar ministry. As a result of their announcing his recent building dedication services, interest was expressed in knowing more about the prayer seminar ministry. Martin shared with them about **JGHM**, the van, and other matters telling them that "God is able! God is willing! God is waiting! He is waiting for us to ask."

The result was an offer from BHB Radio to teach the prayer seminar beginning in April 2011 and ending in March 2012 one year of teaching. They have reduced the cost from \$220 a month to \$100 for two programs.

In his e-mail (which you can read on our website www.jgordonhenryministries.org) Martin shared lessons that he had learned from the prayer seminar ministry that were in play as he made the decision to accept the offer. Again, Martin has nothing except

a measure of faith. Knowing that God does amazing things as **Jehovah-Jireh**, could it be that there is a church, a family, or an individual who would like to provide the funds to sponsor this new step of faith? I would not be surprised if God lays this matter on hearts. Let us know and respond to Martin's closing: "It is, therefore, my humble prayer request that the Lord will provide if it is in His will. As you know me well, I must work before the night comes. Pray with me about my vision."



Planting a tree is the custom for special guests in Tanzania. Martin is at the far right.

Missions defined

Missions is what God is doing in the world, what He sent Christ to do, what He wants us to do."

—**John R. W. Stull**

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn" (**Isaiah 61:1-2**).



God Hath Raised Him from the Dead
Acts 13:30



God hath raised Him from the dead
 Let the hallelujahs ring.
 God hath raised Him from the dead,
 Oh, let men and angels sing.

For our sins the God-Man died;
 For our sins was crucified.
 Died in anguish on the tree,
 Paid the debt for you and me.