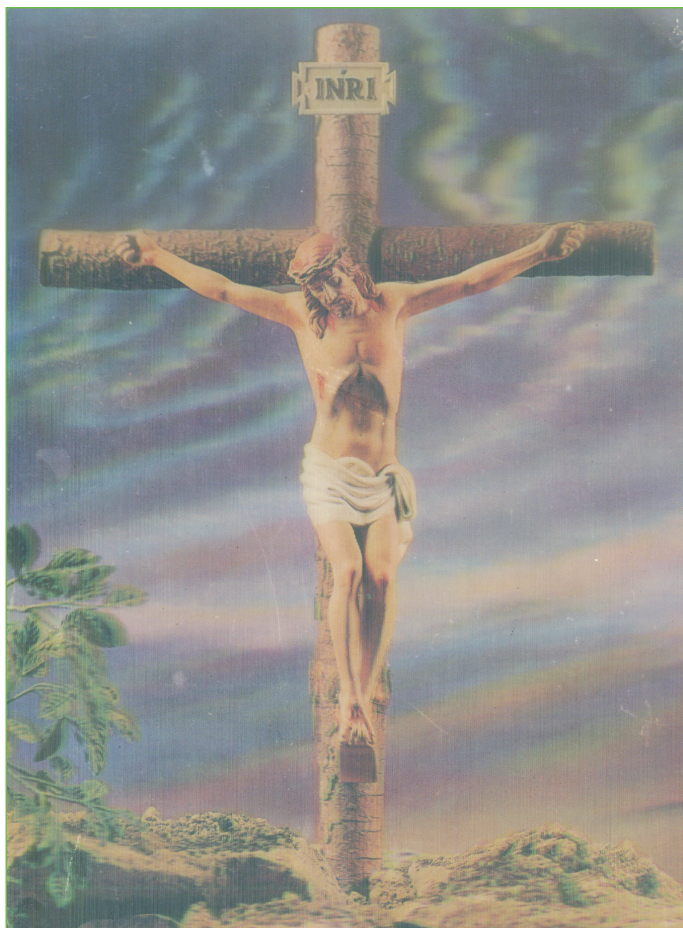


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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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At the Cross, at the Cross

[The Cross of Calvary]

It was the Lord Jesus Christ's love for His Father that brought Him into the world to redeem fallen men. After living thirty-three years in a human body on earth, Christ was totally dedicated to the Father's will at Calvary. He who knew no sin bore God's judgment against our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21b). It was not cords or even nails that bound our Savior to the Cross, but that desire to do the Father's will. His shed blood satisfied God's righteousness and removes all our transgressions and sins. It is the world's greatest story that will never grow old--the story of Jesus, in the Bible it is told.

Early memories

During my early years, my family lived in what was known as “the bend of the river” in Jefferson County, Tennessee. It was an ideal location for a small boy to enjoy and to explore. The main highway, US 25-E was on the other side of the river about a couple of miles from our home if one would take a short cut instead of using the primary road from the highway. My mother became ill about the time I started to first grade in White Pine. When I was six, and she needed medicine, she sent me to Newport to the pharmacy. I was given ten cents for the Greyhound Bus fare, ten cents for a soda at the drug store, and ten cents for admission to the movies where I could watch the western shows (featuring Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and others) presented in serial fashion. I thought nothing about taking the shortcut to the highway and waiting for the bus to Newport.

Most of my forays were on Saturdays and I had some time on my hands to explore Newport. In the latter part of the morning and into the afternoon, there were street preachers who set up to evangelize the area. The crowd gathered, the singing was exuberant, and the messages intriguing. The Gospel was presented. This was a time when my family did not attend church services, so what I heard and felt were quite significant in my life. Surely, the seed that was being planted was making a difference in molding my worldview and core beliefs beyond anything that I imagined.

On one occasion, a radio evangelist from Knoxville visited Newport and conducted a service on the street. He was very popular and I felt honored to see him face to face and hear his message. He brought a singer with him who sang a song that the evangelist had written. Even today, I can remember most of the words and the

melody. At this Easter season, I want to share it with our readers.

One morning at daybreak, as the crowds slowly gathered,
They were walking my Lord up Calvary’s hill,
So sad was His face that the birds hushed their singing,
Like a lamb He was following His Father’s own will.

Chorus:

I want to thank Jesus for the plan of salvation,
To say, “Lord, I love You, for You understand.”
I want to be there on the Great Judgment morning,
To see all the nail prints in His feet and His hands.

What an impression these street meetings made in my own heart preparing me for the tent meeting service that I would attend a few years later in White Pine, Tennessee on September 24, 1948, a time when I heard a clear Gospel message and when the Holy Spirit drew me to salvation. As we approach the time when we remember what Jesus accomplished for you and me on the Cross of Calvary, these words, which I had not thought of for years until recently as Adam Nathanson and I were driving to an appointment in Caracas, Venezuela, mean more than ever. As you read and ponder them, be blessed! Be encouraged! The Lord Jesus Christ has won the victory to make our redemption a reality. Rejoice and celebrate the Resurrection.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows” (Isaiah 53:3)

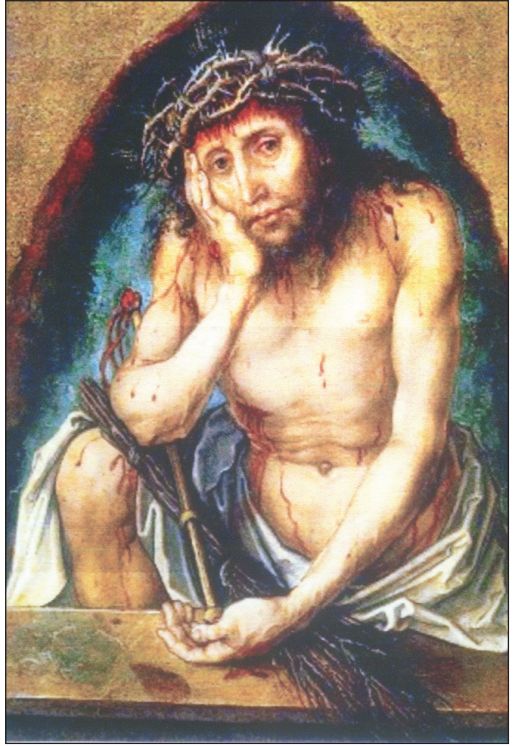
Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim,
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood,
Hallelujah! What a Savior.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
“**Full atonement!**” can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;
“**It is finished!**” was His cry;
Now in Heav’n exalted high,
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we’ll sing;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
--Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)



Man of Sorrows! 1493
Albrecht Durer (1471-1528)

I was first introduced to this grand hymn when the late **C. A. Bantham** (1896-1961) came to **Rosedale Baptist Church**, Richmond, Kentucky, in 1959 to conduct a music school. “Uncle Banty” explained how singing needs to reflect the deep feelings embedded in an arrangement. Commas, exclamation marks, and other clues are to be followed. Not only the words, but the music itself touches the heart. I sometimes “replay” the Rosedale choir rendition as I contemplate the “Man of Sorrows!” who gave Himself for my salvation.

Evangelistic Crusade in South Africa

Faithful partners and Doorkeepers

Thank you so much for your prayer support for the February 27--March 13 evangelistic campaign in **Welkom, South Africa**, with **Pastor Leslie Motsalane**. Dr. Henry has laid solid ground work for a thirst for salvation. **Pastor Motsalane** reported 297 first-time decisions for Christ due in part to your praying.

Zane Abbott Forest, Virginia

The stone

“The angel . . . rolled back the stone . . . and sat upon it” (**Matthew 28:2**)

That stone was a boundary appointed. On that side what see you? The guards stiffened with fear like dead men. On this side what see you? The timid trembling women, to whom the angel speaks, “Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus” (**Matthew 28:5**). That stone became the boundary between the living and the dead, between the seekers and the haters, between the friends and the foes of Christ.

To His enemies His resurrection is “a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense” (**1 Peter 2:8**), as of old on Mars Hill, when the sages heard of the resurrection and mocked. But to His own people the resurrection is the headstone of the corner. Our Lord’s resurrection is our triumph and delight. The resurrection acts much in the same manner as the pillar which Jehovah provided between Israel and Egypt. It was darkness to Egypt, but it gave light to Israel.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Well do I remember the first time that I entered the garden tomb in Jerusalem, a highlight of our trips to the Land Where Jesus Walked. In the stillness of the beautiful garden, deep thoughts of wonder penetrate the mind and cause one to sing, “Oh, what a Savior. Halleluiah!” The One who said “It is finished!” as He hung on the cross on Good Friday at 3 p.m. and Who, on early Sunday morning, arose from the dead leaving an empty tomb. **Jesus is alive and is now in Heaven in the Throne Room seated at the right hand of the Father, our Paraclete, making intercession for us.**

There are two other places that “the stone” is prominent in my mind. One is on



Dr. Henry at the Garden Tomb (2001)

There is a track for the massive stone (**Luke 24:2**). Note the low cut door at which Peter stooped (v 12). There is also a tiny window through which dawn’s light fell on the empty graveclothes (v 12).

Mt. Nebo, where Moses was allowed to view the Promised Land and where one can see from “Dan to Beersheba” on a clear day. There is a large, round stone on display. Some say it is likely that a stone like this was rolled across the burial place of Jesus. The other is along a new highway from Galilee to Jerusalem. During construction, burial places were uncovered that would resemble the one used for Jesus’ burial. We stopped our tour bus and led our pilgrims to one of the tombs, grateful for the visual reminder of the type of burial arrangement for the body of Jesus, a place for it to “rest” for a brief respite before He returned to take it up as His resurrected body.

Itinerary: 2012

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

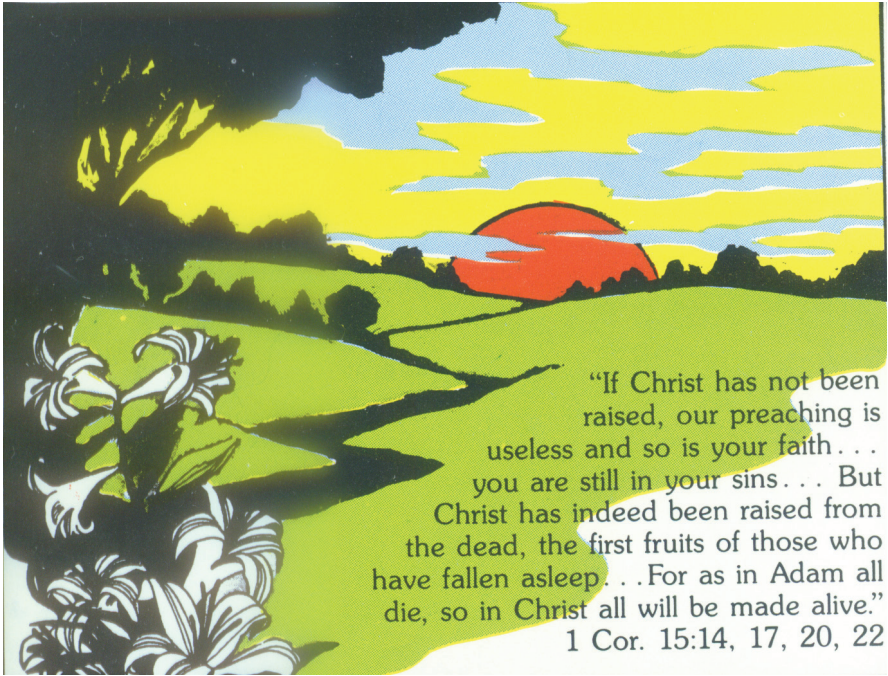
2 Thessalonians 3:1

April

27-30 Prayer Seminar-Kentwood MI
Unity Reformed Church

May

4-22 Prayer Seminars: Kenya (15 seminars)



IT IS FOOLISH TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY HUMAN FOE.

Word from Paula

For the past eight weeks, **Paula Tipton** (our long-time friend, **Doorkeeper** and JGHM board member) has been going through the SBC International Missions Board (IMB) missionary orientation program preparing for missionary service in Thailand. She has updated us regularly. Her discernable excitement has been overflowing as she has soaked in the truths and principles to prepare her for a new life of service. She recently shared the impact that the Word of God was making as she studied.

“We are delving into the Word daily, beginning with Acts, using the SPECKA method. Each chapter is examined using these questions...

1. Is there a sin to confess?
2. Is there a promise to claim?
3. Is there an example to follow?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there knowledge to understand?
6. Is there an application to my life?

This is so great, so convicting, so purposeful, so healing!”

Please add **Paula Tipton** (Murfreesboro Tennessee/Thailand) to your missionary prayer list. If you would like more thoughts related to the value of Bible study, request a copy of my book, **A Christian's Necessary Food**, which is chocked full of ideas to enhance your journeys through the Scriptures.

The dash of life

A man stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the memorial program from <the beginning to the end>. He noted that the first date was the date of birth and spoke of the last date, the date of death, with tears. But he said that what mattered most of all was the dash between the dates. For the dash represents the entire time that his friend spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved him knew what that line is worth. For it matters not how much we own (the cars, the house, the cash). What matters most is how we live and how we spend our dash.

So think, my friends. Think long and hard. Are there things in your life you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left. You may now be at "dash-mid-range" or beyond. So just slow down enough to think what's really true and real. And try hard to understand how other people feel. Be slow to anger. Show appreciation more. Love your neighbor as never before. Treat others with respect. More often wear a smile. Remember that this special dash will only last awhile.

And when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spend your DASH?

--Shared by **Jack McAlister**
Founder, World Literature Crusade

IN LOVING MEMORY

"Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints"
Psalm 116:15

DOORKEEPER
Evalena Enoch (Mrs. Richard)
1/8/1931--11/10/2011
Newport News, Virginia



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2081. Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.

--**Martin Luther**

Note 2082. Uplook determines outlook.

Note 2083. Any failure to obey is a step toward disobedience.

Note 2084. The Bible is God's voice.

Note 2085. Faith is the hand that takes hold of grace.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

February 11-March 18

Regular	56	\$4,017.70
South Africa	2	800.00
Venezuela	47	3,760.00
Total	105	8,577.70



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

WELCOME NEW DOORKEEPERS!

Jim & Judy Britt (GA)

PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL 2012

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

1 KINGS 1-4 (San Marino 31,817)

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

MONDAY, APRIL 2

1 KINGS 5-8 (Sao Tome 179,506)

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

1 KINGS 9-11 (Saudi Arabia 26.1M)

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

1 KINGS 12-16 (Senegal 12.6M)

Bob Bouchard (KY)
William & Debbie Bowden (NC)
David & Marna Boyd (OR)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Mary Ann Brown (GA)
Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

1 KINGS 17-19 (Serbia 7.3M)

Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
George & Carol Buck (NJ)
Janice Bugg (TN/China)
James Burk (IL)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Laura Cannon (FL)
Joreatha Capers (FL)
Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)
Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

1 KINGS 20-22 (Seychelles 89,188)

David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

2 KINGS 1-3 (Sierra Leone 5.4M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Duffrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

2 KINGS 4-8

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Ivy Early (NC)
Walt Edwards (NC)
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 9

2 KINGS 9-12 (St Maarten 37,427)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

2 KINGS 13-17 (Slovakia 5.5M)

Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam & Michele Graisbery (NJ)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Tim/Merry Gregory (Thailand)
Charles Hale (VA)
George & Joy Harper (VA)
Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)
Steve & Donna Hensley (MN)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

2 KINGS 18-21 (Slovenia 2M)

Bruce/Gina/Sean Henry (VA)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Jamey Henry (MS)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Susan Henry (TN)
Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

2 KINGS 22-25 (Singapore 4.7M)

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Anita Horton (VA)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
H. J. Hutchins (LA)
Larry & Carolyn Hutchinson (VA)
Jide & Bunmi Iwarere (MD)

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

1 CHRON 1-9 (Solomon Isle 571,890)

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Gene/Rosemarie Jeffries (AR)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Millicent John (NY)
Bob & Rhonda Johnson (FL)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Gwen Johnson (AZ)
Richard/Betsy Johnson (CT)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

1 CHRON 10-16 (Somalia 9.9M)

James.Genevieve Jones (FL)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Jean Jonte (SC)

Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
 Mohan Kotta (IL)
 Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Bruce Kirby, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch:
 Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)

MONDAY, APRIL 16

1 CHRON 1 7-21 (So Africa 49M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 Liberty Univerity (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr, President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

1 CHRON 22-27 (South Sudan)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Dan Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

1 CHRON 28-29 (Spain 46.8M)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

2 CHRON 1-5 (Sri Lanka 21.3M)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

2 CHRON 6-9 (Sudan 45.6M)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

2 CHRON 10-12 (Svaubard 2,019)

Ann Palumbo (NJ)
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeannie & Maggie Pribble (VA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

David & Marilyn Rainey (VA)

John Reed (NH)

Dave Ricker (ME)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 23

2 CHRON 13-16 (Swaziland 1.4M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

Sandra Rumore (VA)

Denise Russell (OR)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

2 CHRON 17-20 (Sweden 9.1M)

Philip/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)

Richard/Margeret Seigfield (SC)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Wobsub.YoungMi Sheen (Korea)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch

(VA) Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Martin/Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

2 CHRON 21-25 (Switzerland 7.6M)

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (VA)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

2 CHRON 26-28 (Syria 22.5M)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

2 CHRON 29-32 (Taiwan 23.1M)

Earline Thigpen (TN)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

W. D. & Jackie Thomason (TN_

Montez Thompson (CO)

Paula Tipton (Thailand)

William & Katie Toney (NC)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

2 CHRON 33-34 (Tajikistan 7.6M)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/(FL)

George/JeanetteVernarchik (NJ)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

Keith/Doris Snyder Vernall (FL)

Cliff & Marcia Vinson (Brazil)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau/Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

MONDAY, APRIL 30

2 CHRON 35-36 (Tanzania 42.&M)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Amos & Celia Wipf (GA))

David & Lili Wykle (VA)

Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

Norm & Mary Zink (MI)

A life well lived

Dr. John A. Hash

5/27/1921 2/5/2012

Founder/President

**Bible Pathway Ministries and
International Bible Reading Association**



For forty years, the name “**John Hash**” has been familiar to me. At that time, **Dr. Hash** was active raising support for Lynchburg Baptist College (now Liberty University) and the **Old Time Gospel Hour** led by **Jerry Falwell**. His next work was to do the same for **Dr. John R. Rice** and the **Sword of the Lord** in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. No question, he was good at what he set his hand to do.

Increasingly, both **John**, and his beautiful wife **Letha** (10/20/1923-1/26/2007) became burdened with the fact that people were lacking in knowledge and understanding of the Bible. At great sacrifice, they began a ministry to encourage others to read the Bible in a systematic easy-to-understand manner. They sold everything they had to launch **Bible Pathway** in 1974, the devotional guide that I have long recommended. The strong feature of the commentaries that Dr. Hash has written (enough for thirty years!) is that he uses the Word of God to explain the Word of God. He often pointed out that the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. In the early years, Letha often stayed up all night typing as many as

15,000 address labels.

In 1989, Dr. Hash and the late Dr. Bill Bright (Campus Crusade) co-founded the International Bible Reading Association, which sponsors annual Bible Reading Marathons, a public reading of the entire Bible from **Genesis 1:1** to **Revelation 22:21**, including one in our nation’s capital. To Dr. Hash there was nothing more important than reading and understanding the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation. He reminded his readers:

“God has esteemed above all else in all the world the Bible. Listen to what the Holy Spirit guided David to write. ‘I will praise Thy name for Thy truth, for You have magnified Thy word above all Thy name.’ Think about it, God has exalted the Bible above all things. That means that nothing could be more important for any one of us than reading what our Creator has provided as our guide to eternal life. Let us therefore come to the Scriptures reverently, praying that the God [Father] of our Lord Jesus Christ may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. That the eyes of our understanding be enlightened. And let the dominating motive in all our Bible reading be that we might walk worthy of the Lord, pleasing and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

The vision planted and the legacy John A. Hash began live on. Pray for those in Murfreesboro who will continue the legacy of a choice couple, who were married sixty-three years before her death in 2007, and who are now united in Heaven heroes of the faith who promoted both doctrine and deeds that certified that their beliefs

were real. For a complimentary copy of **Bible Pathway**, write or call them. **Bible Pathway Ministries, P. O. Box 20123, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129-0123. Toll free (800-598-7884)** and you will be blessed.

Dr. Hash was ardent about the place of prayer in the life of a believer. It was through his encouragement that **J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES** was incorporated in May 1984 following the model of **Bible Pathway Ministries**. He recommended the prayer seminar ministry to churches throughout the nation.

Dr. Hash's testimony

Of all the speakers I've heard speak about prayer, no one has touched my heart more than Dr. Henry. He does not come with enticing words, but rather the Word of God. And when he begins speaking on prayer, you begin to sense the Spirit of God moving in and through the congregation and upon people's lives. He just takes you to the Word the best book on prayer I know."

Kenya

Once again **Kenya** is on our radar. When **Martin Shikuku**, became my student at the East Africa Bible Institute in May 2006, little did I imagine the mutual impact we would bring to his nation, to East Africa, and to Central Africa. No image could encapsulate this relationship than the elephant carving (a big elephant and a small elephant) he and his church presented me following a prayer seminar. He informed me that I was the Big Elephant and he and his co-workers were the Little Elephants who would travel throughout the nation and to other nations teaching the prayer seminar.

In making the presentation, **Martin** stated: "**Kenya** needs a lot of prayer work. We need healing. What you have done is to teach us how we can mobilize prayer warriors and train them in this vital work. Your materials bring the Bible alive and we will now go out and teach what you have taught us." That day was a day of celebration, a day I will never forget. Further, **Martin** has done exactly what he said would be done. **Then trouble came!**

Many of you will remember my January 2008 appeal letter for help for **Martin**. The header stated "**Little Elephants in Trouble**" and a description was given of the post-election violence that was racking the nation. By the end of this debacle, hundreds were dead and thousands displaced from their homes. **Martin** and his family lost everything, including **Anne's**

father who was murdered in a field near their church. The **Martins** fled to the police station in Eldoret, sleeping on the ground. **Doorkeepers** responded by providing \$13,662.92 to help reestablish Martin's ministry. The progress that has been made since that time is nothing short of phenomenal. **Glory Baptist Church** now has the largest Baptist facility in western Kenya. Many souls have been saved and the work continues to grow.

BUT IT IS NOW ELECTION TIME. Martin encouraged me to return for a series of prayer seminars in the very area where the violence was most pronounced. Fifteen seminars have been scheduled for May 4-22. Please put this event on your prayer list. When **Martin** said during his presentation in 2007, "**Kenya** needs a lot of prayer work if our land is to be healed," he was 100% correct. The statement is even truer today. Prayer and the Word of God are the answers to what Kenya needs for continued healing and for protection.

ESTABLISHING LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS!

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JGHM has had the opportunity to mobilize more prayer warriors in another section of beautiful Venezuela. Many of you prayed and gave providing the two major resources to make the prayer seminars available. A host of lives and many churches were touched both in Caracas (the capital with five million people) and in Bolivar (the largest state in the nation) in the southeastern part of the nation. There were three prayer seminars in Caracas and eight in Bolivar. The Bolivar seminars emanated from Puerto Ordaz, a large city with a population of 1.2 million situated on a river near the conflux point of two major rivers Orinoco and Caroni. From Puerto Ordaz, seminars were conducted in San Felix, Ciudad Bolivar (the capital of the state), Uptata, El Callao, and Tumerermo (three hours drive from Puerto Ordaz). The latter three locations are on the road south to Brazil.

As usual, the Latin believers were exuberant about the Word of God. Watching brothers and sisters respond has caused me to say on occasion, "I know you are going to Heaven! If you don't run by it!" At the same time, there was a deep moving of the Holy Spirit touching hearts and bringing the Word alive. Not only were a large number saved, a much larger number renewed their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Individuals were revived and churches strengthened.

As I look at the map of Venezuela and circle the areas where we have taught prayer seminars, this nation joins a few other nations that have been widely influenced by the prayer seminar ministry. Even on this trip, a number came forward to say that they had been in a seminar in earlier years and had been blessed by what happened to them.

JGHM has been truly blessed in preparing prayer warriors and laborers to evangelize unreached areas. In 2010, the focus was on western Venezuela. Following a series of prayer seminars in major cities west of Caracas (a thousand mile arc) in April, several hundred gathered at the Baptist campground in August for further teaching prior to evangelizing four states in the Andes where 6,010 were saved. In 2011, the major focus was on states east of Caracas in several cities and culminating in a major Prayer Conference at Caripe, a retreat center in the mountains. It was amazing how many were in the 2012

seminars who had traveled four hours to Caripe to attend the prayer seminar there.

“Now, we are going south” was the proclamation of **Itham Pulgar**, Missions Director for the Baptists in Bolivar State. In 2012, during our visit, we have majored on prayer seminars in Bolivar State as a part of the spiritual preparation for the next evangelism effort to take place in the vast southern section of the state where many have not been reached with the Gospel message, an area that borders Guanya and Brazil. The goal is to plant thirteen churches in this area. Following three days of extensive training and spiritual preparation (August 1-3), three hundred are going August 5-11 out to evangelize. Please add the August Campaign to your prayer list and be a part of this effort. My own heart has been stirred for **Amazonas**, the home of seventeen native, ethnic groups, each with their language, religious traditions, and customs (capital **Puerto Ayacucho**). The only way an “outsider” can be there to minister is to have an invitation from natives. The leader of the Baptists, **Oscar Tovar**, has extended an invitation to attend their annual conference in October 21-27, 2013 for a **prayer seminar** for 350-500 pastors (from seventy churches). In addition, a series of prayer seminars will be scheduled in local churches a tremendous opportunity. Keep this in your heart and mind, as well.

DOORKEEPERS DO IT AGAIN!

Before leaving on February 24, we were near reaching our budget. Contributions continued to come in and the final amount exceeded the budget by \$495.75 with seventy-seven giving. Thank you on behalf of the hundreds whose lives were touched due to your partnership.



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