

Prayer

Word, make me an instrument of
Thy peace ; Where there is hatred,
let me sow love ; Where there is
doubt , faith ; Where there is despair,
hope ; Where there is darkness , light ;
and where there is sadness , joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console ; to be understood , as to
understand ; to be loved , as to love ; for
it is in giving that we receive , it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned , and it
is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis



Back to Bethel

There is a land of beginning again! There is no such thing as partial forgiveness. Confession brings forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**). We don't have to wonder as to the veracity of this contention. We have His Word. Do you believe His Word? Even those "you don't know what I have done" situations are included! The prodigal can return home. Refusing to forgive yourself is one of the "wiles" (tricks/stratagems) of Satan to defeat you.

"Then God said to Jacob, 'Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there; and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau'" (Genesis 35:1 NIV).

The call to return to Bethel is one that Christians need to hear from time to time. In preparation for this article, I reread a sermon I prepared to preach on February 1, 1959 at Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky, over fifty-three years ago. I had written the message (and preached it two other times (1) on my birthday September 30, 1962 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Washington C.H., Ohio and (2) on Sunday night, June 6, 1976, at Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia). As I read the sermon, the words touched my heart and moved me to want to live up to my sermon. The sermon was built around four points: (1) Back to Bethel means back to a remembrance of our first love; (2) Back to Bethel means back to the better life we once knew; (3) Back to Bethel means back to the Bible; and (4) Back to Bethel means back to active service for the Lord. My notation on 2/1/59 was "Pete Madden saved" and on 9/30/62 was "3 additions (the Hixons)." Thus, the Holy Spirit used the "topical sermon" approach to bring people into the kingdom and the church.

When I became a Christian on September 24, 1948, my joy was almost indescribable. I have often said that as I walked home from the tent meeting, I don't believe my feet touched the ground. Soon thereafter, I ran across a poem written by **Wade Robinson** that pretty well described what I felt:

**Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green;
Something lives in every hue,
Christless eyes have never seen!
Birds with gladder songs overflow,
Flowers with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His and He is mine.**

Six days later, I turned thirteen. I was an eighth grade student. My life was totally changed. I could not get enough of church. I wanted to speak to other people about a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I spent some time every week visiting homes and inviting folks to church. I became interested in the Bible, carrying one to school and reading it daily. I was pretty much "on fire" for the Lord. Entering high school, I came under the influence of **Dorothy Biddle**, a master teacher who excelled in teaching history and government. I learned that I could excel in academics. At the same time, I participated in the extra-curricular activities (football, oratory, debate club, editor of Pine Whispers, editor of the yearbook, Pine Cone). I was busy, busy, busy! Often I literally burned the "midnight oil" doing homework and writing papers. It was one Sunday morning when I was walking from my home to the home of George and Nell Hubbard to ride to church with them that I realized something. I was not as close to the Lord as I had been. I know the exact

spot when I went “back to Bethel” and rededicated myself to the Lord. Once again, the joy bells rang as they had the night that I came to Christ. No person talked to me (probably no one suspected that I was backslidden in my heart and had lost my first love), but the Holy Spirit spoke. I listened and obeyed. Although that Sunday morning was not the only time that I have felt a need for special rededication (a time of repentance, cleansing, and special commitment), but it was the time that I learned firsthand that **THERE IS A LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN**. I learned of God’s grace and mercy.

Jacob at Bethel

The story of Jacob fleeing from his brother, Esau, is a familiar one, full of important spiritual truths (**Genesis 28:10-22**). When he awakened from sleep, he said, “Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.” And he was afraid, and said, ‘How dreadful is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ He took the stone that he had used for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. Then he changed the name from Luz to Bethel. It was there God first spoke to him. (**Genesis 28:10-22**). Special!

Years went by. Jacob began a family in Padan Aram. After 20 years, he brought family & possessions back to Canaan.

Return to Bethel

The Lord commanded Jacob to return to Bethel and dwell there. “Then God said to Jacob, ‘Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother.’”

Now Bethel was to become his refuge. Three things in the text establish Bethel as a refuge: The **altar**, which speaks of worship (**vv 3,7**); the **repeated promise**, which

speaks of God’s presence (**vv 9-13**); and the **stone pillar**, which speaks of remembrance (**vv14-15**).

(1) Worship is essential if you and I are to find inner peace in a troubled world. Like Jacob, we need a time and place set aside especially to meet with God. We need to “settle” there to be consistent in keeping a **daily appointment** with the Lord. Jacob told his family to “get rid of the foreign gods you have with you.” In worship we clear our hearts and minds of everything that competes with God for our attention, and focus completely on Him.

A good definition of worship is “expressing appreciation to God for who He by nature is.” That is, we think about God’s essence, His qualities, His attributes, and His character. We think of His loving acts, and we praise Him for who and what He is. Our Bethel is daily worship. It is there that we begin to experience the peace that Jacob found.

(2) God’s presence is experienced as we hear His voice speaking to us. This is what Jacob experienced when he went **back to Bethel (vv 9-11)**. This is what you and I experience today as we open the Scriptures and read, not for new information alone, but to hear and respond to what God has to say to us personally. In God’s Word, we hear **His promises**, sense His guidance, find His empowering. **Our Bethel is Scripture**, for in the Word we sense the presence of the One who met with Jacob at Bethel so long ago.

(3) **Remembrance** is the way we reenter the **presence of God** at any moment throughout the day. The stone pillar that Jacob erected at biblical Bethel is best understood as a *zikkaron*. In the Old Testament a *zikkaron* is any object or religious celebration intended to help

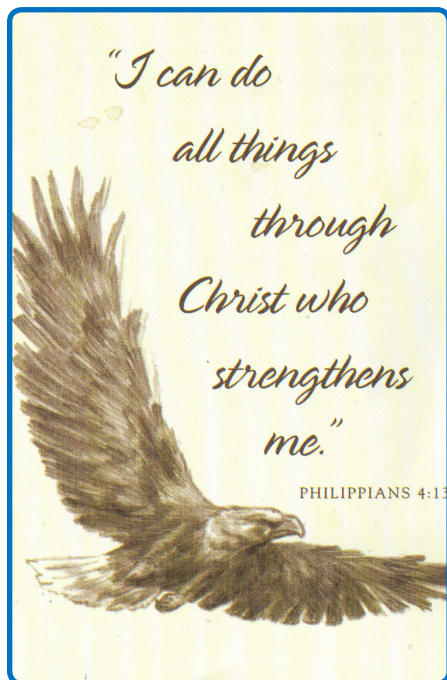
a believer identify with God's active presence in history. Whenever Jacob saw the stone pillar, he was carried back in memory to the fellowship with God he experienced at that place.

Going back to my sermon, **Return to Bethel**, in closing the message I said, "When I was a child in east Tennessee, a piece of road machinery was left for months and months after a new road was built. It had been used to build the new road, but then was set aside and absolutely useless and in the way. Many Christians are like that piece of machinery. Once they were active, teaching classes, and backing up the pastor in a great program of work, but now have quit and are doing nothing for Lord or man. Do you remember the first service you gave to the Lord? Do you remember the unspeakable joy you felt? But now you have drifted away. We Christians do not belong on low plains of worldly living. Bethel is our home and Jesus is our first love. Let us today take our bearing, then let us go back to a good prayer life. Let us make the Bible our daily companion and let us give our days in active service to the Lord. It is time to return to Bethel."

If you are not as close to the Lord as you once were don't get confused as to who moved—not God. He is calling you to return. You need not spend an inordinate amount of time in morbid introspection. As did the prodigal son, go home. Settle for nothing less than the Father. Select a time and place where you can meet daily with God. The Bethel you and I create by worship and by reading Scripture serves as an anchor for our day. At any moment we can return in memory and find fresh strength. How important that we apply to ourselves the words God spoke to Jacob: "Go up to Bethel; and settle there."

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry



Poor in spirit

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" means "Blessed is the man who has realized his own utter helplessness, and who has put his whole trust in God." If a man has realized his own utter helplessness, and has put his whole trust in God, there will enter into his life two things that are opposite sides of the same thing. He will become completely *detached from things*, for he will know that things have not got it in them to bring happiness or security; and he will become completely *attached to God*, for he will know that God alone can bring him help, and hope, and strength. The man who is poor in spirit is the man who has realized that things mean nothing, and that God means everything.

William Barclay

1988

The eighth year for prayer seminars was 1988. At that time, my primary position was serving as the first full-time Executive Director for the **Transnational Association of Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**. When I accepted this position, it was with the understanding that the prayer seminar ministry was equally important. During the week days, my attention would focus on **TRACS**; over the weekends and during vacation time, my focus would shift to the prayer seminar ministry. The **TRACS**' Board of Directors concurred and offered full support during the eleven years that I served in the dual roles. **Dr. Henry Morris**, chairman, Board of Directors and **Dr. James Hengoed**, chairman, Accreditation Commission, were particularly helpful. These men not only provided prayer and financial support for **TRACS**, they were fully supportive of the prayer seminar ministry. From the beginning, God favored our work with **Sue Bell**, who became my able secretary and administrative assistant. She quickly mastered the accreditation process and knew everything about **J. Gordon Henry Ministries**, the non-profit corporation formed in May 1984.

TRACS had no offices, no furniture, and no equipment; **JGHM** did and gladly shared. Actually, there were times when **JGHM** provided postage and shipping funds. Now **TRACS** is a very respected federally recognized accrediting agency that is making a great difference for colleges, universities, seminaries, and graduate schools whose founders and leaders believe in the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis including creation, not evolution. Having the two entities was what **Doorkeeper Bob Rose** (MI) would call a "God-thing."

Having the stamina to carry out the ministry work in 1988 was clearly a "God-thing" as well. There were fifty-one prayer seminars in twenty-one states (AL, CA, CT, FL, GA, IA, ID, KS, LA, MD, MI, MO, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV) and three countries (Israel, South Korea, and Nigeria). For the prayer seminars, I traveled 100,518 miles and was on the road 147 days. Out of the international seminars came remarkable prayer ministries in **Nigeria** and in **Korea** that have made a difference. We can only look back with a feeling of encouragement and with a large portion of humility that God would choose to make a year very special in our lives. Once again, it is time to pause and give Him glory. During this time, **Sue Bell** and I produced a **Reflector** that went to as many as 13,000 homes. We produced a twelve-page monthly **Doorkeeper Report** and a monthly twelve-page **Update**, the written organ for **TRACS**. Looking back at the hundreds of contacts (telephone and letters) and the large effort that we were involved in to gain recognition from the U. S. Department of Education, the only explanation was the hand of God upon our work. To God be the glory! As you read the story of the work in South Korea that became **J. Gordon Henry Ministries Korean Branch**, be filled with joy knowing that our **Doorkeepers** made the work possible and God honored the effort. May each year ahead produce great results with believers renewed and churches revived.

A clear vision

Dear Lord, give us a clear vision that we may know where to stand, and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.

Peter Marshall

Open for Inspection

Lord, look within this heart of mine,
And see if there might be
A hidden thought, an attitude
That is not pleasing Thee.

I want the house in which You dwell
To be the very best;
To show Thy beauty everywhere,
The yard, and all the rest.

When people who in darkness live,
Pass by in great despair,
May they see, without a doubt,
That Jesus lives in there.

So, dear Lord, cleanse this heart of mine,
Your place I'll not deny.
Then everyone who sees will know
You live in there, not I.

H. D. Meyers

What kind of a day will it be
when you awaken today?
Will you give thanks and say,
"Thank you, Lord, for today?"

Or will you be driven
and not give thanks for what
you have been given?

Do not run off to the
tasks of the day
without taking time to say,
"Dear Jesus, thank You for this day!"

Doorkeeper Walt Sommers
Lynchburg, Virginia 8/31/2011



BE A DAILY BIBLE READER!

NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2101. The good is often the enemy of the best.

Note 2102. Approach the Bible with a readiness and an expectation to hear the voice of God there since God speaks out of His Word.

Note 2103. Remember that the complete Word of God gives a general outline of God's will for you.

Note 2104. When we need specific guidance in matters not covered in the Word, we learn of His will through waiting on Him in prayer. **James 1:5**

Note 2105. The world expects more from those of us who are children of God.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

June 13--July 12, 2012

Regular	38	\$2,377.00
South Africa	1	500.00
Silas-Nigeria	1	100.00
Kenya	<u>6</u>	<u>294.00</u>
Total	46	\$3,271.00



PRAY FOR US

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
IN SCHEDULING PRAYER SEMINARS!
A PRAYER SEMINAR COULD HELP YOUR
CHURCH BECOME A PRAYING CHURCH!**

PRAYER CALENDAR

August 2012

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

JER 1-6 (Holy See 892)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

JER 7-10 (Honduras 8.1M)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Milcie Arnold (VA)
Lemon Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
Consuela Baker (NC)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

JER 11-15 (Hong Kong 7.1M)

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)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

JER 16-20 (Hungary 10M)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
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)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Mary Ann Brown (CA)
Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)
Arretta Bruce (TN)
Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
George & Carol Buck (NJ)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

JER 21-25 (Iceland 311,058)

Janice Bugg (TN/China)
James Burk (IL)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Laura Cannon (FL)
Joeretha Capers (FL)
Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Manship Chapel (DE)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

JER 26-29 (India 1.2B)

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
Beverly Curtis (PA)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

JER 30-33 (Indonesia 245.6M)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Ivy Early (NC)
Walt Edwards (NC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

JER 34-36 (Iran 77.9M)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (V)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

JER 37-39 (Iraq 30.4M)

Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Sam & Michele Graisbury (NJ)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)

Tim & Merry Gregory (Taiwan)

Charles Hale (VA)
George & Joy Harper (VA)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

JER 40-45 (Ireland 4.7M)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengood (FL/CT)
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 & Sara Henry (OH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Anita Horton (VA)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

JER 46-52 (Isle Man 84,655)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
H. J. Hutchins (LA)
Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

LAM (Israel 7.5M)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Gwen Johnson (AZ)
Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN)
Robert/Rhonda Johnson (FL)
Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
James & Genevieve Jones (FL)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Jean Jonte (SC)
Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

EZEK 1-6 (Italy 61M)

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

EZEK 7-11 (Jamaica 2.9M)

Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

EZEK 12-15 (Japan 126.5M)

Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Dan Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

EZEK 16-19 (Germany 81.5M)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 John/Egberta McSween (Trinidad)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

EZEK 20-24 (Jersey 94,161)

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)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

EZEK 25-28 (Jordan 6.5M)

Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)

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)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
EZEK 29-32 (Kazakhstan 15.5M)
 Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

EZEK 33-36 (Kenya 41.1M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 Denise Russell (OR)
 Andrew/Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

EZEK 37-39 (Kiribati 100,743)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Wonsub/Young Mi Sheen (Korea)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
 (VA) Eric Farel, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

EZEK 40-43 (N. Korea 24.5M)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Earleen Thigpen (TN)

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

EZEK 44-48 (S. Korea 48.8M)

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)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

DAN 1-3 (Kosovo 1.8M)

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)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Keith/Doris Snyder Verrell (FL)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

DAN 4-6 (Kuwait 2.6M)

Cliff & Marcia Vinson (Brazil)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

DAN 7-9 (Kyrgyzstan 5.6M)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

DAN 10-12 (Laos 6.5M)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Silas Yashim (Nigeria)
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)
 Norm & Mary Zink (MI)

Strength for Every Day

"I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10b

1988
Desk
Calendar

In my Book of Memories, I often go down Reminiscent Trail to recall work with the Mennonites, primarily in New York and Pennsylvania. One highlight was to travel to a beautiful retreat center in Upstate New York. It was during these days that we began to partner with the Mennonite Board of Missions Media Ministries in Harrisburg, Virginia to produce an annual desk calendar that we shared with our **Doorkeepers**. A theme was chosen, along with appropriate Scriptures and pictures for each month. After many years, this service was cancelled by the Board of Missions due to high cost. I have kept the calendars and pull them out to use in years with corresponding dates.

In 1988, the theme was **Strength for Every Day**. Here are the thoughts and scriptures for each month:

JANUARY When you need some **STRENGTH FOR TOUGH TIMES**

Isaiah 43:2: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

FEBRUARY When you need some **COMFORT**

Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in time of trouble."

MARCH When you need some **RENEWED HOPE**

Psalm 130:5: "I wait for the Lord, and in God's Word I put my hope."

APRIL When you **WANT** some **RENEWED PATIENCE**

Psalm 5:3: "Patience produces character and character hope." (Paraphrase)

MAY When you **WANT FREEDOM IN CHRIST** John 8:36: "So if Jesus sets you free, you will be free indeed."

JUNE To reach out

Galatians 6:10: "As we have opportunity let us do good to all people."

JULY To take time for family

Mark 10:16: "And He took the children in His arms and blessed them." **AUGUST**

Assurance of God's providence

Psalm 90:2b: "From everlasting to everlasting You are God."

SEPTEMBER To share God's love

Philippians 2:4: "Look not only to your

own, but also the interests of others.”

OCTOBER To choose priorities

Matthew 6:33 “Seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness.”

NOVEMBER To ask forgiveness

Matthew 5:24: “First go and be reconciled, then come and offer your gift.”

DECEMBER To celebrate

Luke 2:14: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.”

Where do we get strength for **every** day, no matter what the day holds? The obvious answer is God and His Word; like the old song says:

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives
through;

God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Annie Johnson Flint

The key here is strength for the day. If we look at the whole year or even a whole month at a time, it can be overwhelming. But if we take one day at a time; if we are open to receiving strength from family, church, neighbors and friends; if we make time to be alone and with God, we can find strength for every day, one day at a time.

Melodie Davis

SOUTH AFRICA

September 12-28

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Hoopstad
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**JGHM--SOUTHERN AFRICA
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LESLIE MOTSALENE, Thabong**

Pray for Leslie and his team as they prepare for each seminar. He has asked for 2,000 prayer seminar workbooks. Several years I have “celebrated” my birthday while in southern Africa conducting prayer seminars. Hopefully, I will be home on September 28 and will be with family on September 30 celebrating my seventy-seventh birthday. Pray that this will work out.

Pray that the budget will be met. We have found that when we have 100 contributors the financial needs are always met. **WILL YOU PLAN TO BE ONE OF THE ONE-HUNDRED?**

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR TEACHING MISSIONARY IN MANY NATIONS. Most of those with whom we work have never had formal teaching in matters of the Christian life. The content of the prayer seminar workbook is invaluable to these brothers and sisters.

DOORKEEPERS AND PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

“The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wing you have come for refuge.”

Ruth 2:12



1988 Graduates of Korean-American Theological Seminary

(starts on page 12) homes. **1988** was one of the most remarkable years in the thirty-two history of the prayer seminar ministry. In that year the Nigerian prayer seminar ministry was launched. Even today, most of the leaders for the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA), pastors and district overseers came from the 1988 seminars. Several ECWA presidents first served in the prayer seminar ministry.

Another nation that we have greatly impacted is South Korea. During our second trip to South Korea in 1988, a seed was sown that led to the establishment of the **J. Gordon Henry Ministries Korean Branch**. A Korean Doorkeeper program was established to support the work of **Dr. Shin**, our leader. We recently received a fascinating five-page history of our Korean work prepared by Dr. Shin. At one point, there were sixty-nine Korean Doorkeepers. The following article appeared in the **Reflector** (Vol. 34, No. 6 July-August 1988) following the 1988 Korean Seminars.

Korea Report—1988

Leaders from over forty churches located in twenty-seven cities attended the Korean seminars conducted in Taegu and Masan. According to Southern Baptist missionary O. B. Humphries, most of Korea was represented with the exception

of the northeast section. Participants were from various denominations such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Assemblies of God. There was strong interest expressed by a number of the pastors and leaders for prayer seminars to be arranged for their localities. One pressing invitation came from the Taegu interpreter, Dong-Ju Chun, for prayer seminars on university campuses. His campus ministry has great influence. Since much of the unrest in Korea is from a small number of university students, we agree that university seminars are greatly needed. The effectiveness of the seminars was enhanced by a Korean translation of the prayer seminar workbook. **Dr. Kwang Suk Shin**, our contact person coordinated the seminars and is already working on scheduling five seminars in October 1990. A highlight of the trip was addressing the thirty graduates of the **Korean-American Theological Seminary** a joint venture of J. Gordon Henry Ministries and pastors in the Masan area. As the American president for this institution, it was my thrilling privilege to sign each certificate presented to the graduates. As a Doorkeeper, the Korean-American Theological Seminary contributed \$275 for the American prayer seminars. We are grateful for everyone who provided prayer & financial support.

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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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Pastors/Leaders from 27 cities/towns/villages throughout South Korea

JGHM does have some "archives" that highlight the international ministry. For example, we have thousands of pictures. In the "Polaroid" era, my goal was to snap a minimum of one hundred photos during each trip. When we shifted to a digital camera, we have often gone beyond one hundred shots. Further, we have small artifacts from each nation that we have served. But above all else, we have a written record. There is a section

termed "International Ministries" in the quarterly **President's Perspectives** booklet prepared for the JGH Board. For years, we included a detailed account in the monthly **Doorkeeper Report** once we returned home from a trip. To supplement the report, we often included a brief summary in the **Reflector**. The **Doorkeeper Report**, a monthly twelve page booklet, went to the active partners, but a **Reflector** wended its way to as many as 13,000 (continued on page 11)

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