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Kenya Report

June 10-29, 2014

"A remarkable nineteen days"

Holding the Rope for Martin Shikuku and his team

MILESTONE: Passing the torch. The 2014 Kenya seminars were the first full venue ever led by someone other than Dr. Henry.

Attendance: 2,025; Number of pastors: 491; Salvations: 154. Miles traveled: 2,010. A large number committed themselves, their families, and their churches to becoming Lighthouses of Prayer.

At our April board meeting, it was announced that my next international ministry would be to travel to Kenya to work with **Martin Shikuku**, Director, JGHM: East-Central Africa Branch. The days were to be May 16-June 2. When the State Department discouraged travel to Kenya at this time, I was very disappointed. A major factor was the heightened threats of violence perpetrated by militant Muslims against Christians that has now moved into Kenya. It became obvious that it would be wise, instead of canceling the seminars that had been scheduled, for Martin and his team to take full responsibility for this undertaking.

We knew that the time would come to shift the teaching responsibility to Martin, but thought it would be another year (until I am in my 80th year). During the time of decision-making, word came that a "leader" in the Venezuela Baptist



Martin, the Interpreter 2007



Martin, the Teacher 2014

Convention had scheduled a prayer seminar for pastors in Merida, a large city in the Andes Mountains and requested a supply of Spanish prayer seminar workbooks. A "missionary" to China made reference to his teaching things he had learned in the prayer seminars to a class in China. Another missionary who travels to unnamed nations reported that he continues to teach the prayer seminar material during his ministry. As this information came in, it occurred to me that there has been abundant evidence that it is unnecessary for me to be always the teacher. When I expressed my regret to Martin for not coming, he simply stated, "This is what you have trained us to do. We are ready."

Martin shifted the dates to June 10-29. 2,000 Swahili prayer seminar workbooks were printed and 2,000 pens were purchased. Registration for each of the fourteen seminars began promptly at 9 a.m. and teaching began at 9:15 a.m. regardless of the number present at that time. Each seminar closed around 4 p.m. The seminars were arranged to serve three major areas of Kenya: Mombasa, a resort area on the Indian Ocean (nine hours from Eldoret, Martin's home base); Nairobi, the nation's capital; and west Kenya. Frequently Martin e-mailed the results. It soon became obvious that God was doing a remarkable work.

Financial support. The total support extended to Martin (JGHM East/Central Africa Branch) since January 1, 2014 has topped \$14,000. This amount includes \$8,676.45 given by eighty-three contributors for the 2014 prayer seminars. Actually we had set the budget for the 2014 seminars at \$9,000.00; our goal, as usual, was 100 contributors. Seldom have we failed to meet an established budget, but several of our faithful givers are now with the Lord. We were able to transfer the deficit (\$323.55) from the General Fund.

TOTALLY

God is Still Looking for Servants

God is looking for people through whom He can bless the world. Say definitely: "Here am I; I will give my life to this calling." Cultivate your faith in the simple truth: God hears prayer; God will do what I ask.

Give yourself to others as completely as you give yourself to God. Open your eyes to sense the needs of a perishing world. Take up your position in Christ and in the power which His name and life and Spirit give you. And go on practicing definite prayer and intercession.

Andrew Murray

Wisdom Reflected

But once I pass this way
And then the silent door
Turns on its hinges
Opens, closes and no more
I pass this way.

So while I may
I will assay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the
pilgrim way
For no man travels twice
The great highway
That leads from darkness
up to light
Through night to day.

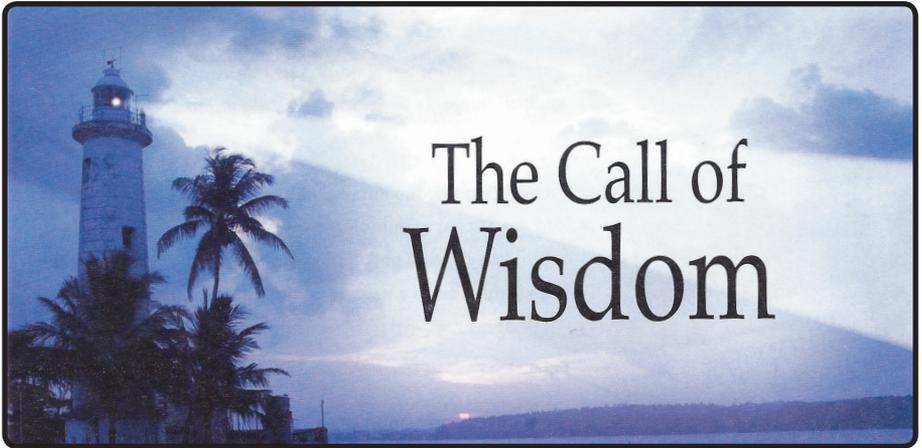
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Martin maintains careful records of the expenditure of the funds that we submit. As far as the overall support is concerned, Martin has been having some problems with his vehicle. The roads are very poor and have taken a toll on his car. We will need to gather more specific information. We need to pray with Martin for wisdom.

Helpful reports. During the June 10-29, 2014 prayer seminars, Martin was able to provide a regular update through e-mail. This has been very vital in keeping specific prayer covering over Martin and his team. Knowing the violence that had erupted in the Mombasa area, we were able to respond through prayer. When the seminars were finished at Mombasa, he wisely traveled in daylight hours. Later

Martin learned that sixty people (including my personal friend, **Enos Weswah, principal of the Kenya Baptist College and senior lecturer at the Kenya Baptist Seminary**), were killed by the militant Muslims in the Mombasa area soon after he and his team left. Although I know what is required physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually to maintain a schedule that has fourteen seminars scheduled in nineteen days, I could "feel" the pressure being placed on Martin. Thankfully, he has learned to maintain his daily early morning time in the Word of God and has experienced first hand the renewal that comes through reading (meditating, pondering) the Word of God, followed by a time of devotion in prayer waiting before the Lord.



The most popular book in the Old Testament for Christians is the Book of **Psalms**. The second most likely OT book to be used by believers on a regular basis is the Book of **Proverbs**. It is absolutely chock full of wise sayings on how to live a successful life from God's point of view (which in the final analysis is the only one that really counts).

Although I was "in" and "out" of **Proverbs** during my first two decades of pastoral ministry (to find messages to preach), it was not until 1977 that I became absorbed in his book. Actually, that was the year that I learned to get into the Word for my food, not just for a message to preach, and established the pattern of reading the Bible through each year. Since I had a "day

job" as an educator, the churches that I served as pastor scheduled Vacation Bible School in the evenings so that each member of the family could attend. The Southern Baptist Convention Press prepared excellent materials to use. In 1977, the adult theme was "Living the Good Life" and was a study of **Proverbs**. It was the preparation to teach that pulled me into this marvelous book.

For the past few days, I have been reviewing my yearly notes taken from my reading of **Proverbs**. Almost every year, I have **started with definitions of key words: wisdom, knowledge, and understanding**. While I have several other words to which I give attention each trip through Proverbs, my recommendation is to master these three to establish the parameters for study in **Proverbs**.

Wisdom is the theme of Proverbs, the ability to apply Bible truth to daily living. Literally, it is "the ability to live life skillfully." Many ancient cultures had "wisdom writings," but what set apart **Proverbs** was its emphasis on a godly lifestyle as a prerequisite, upright living the result of a personal relationship with God and His Word. The Israelites knew that study and obedience to God's Law would bring wisdom for daily living and stature among the nations (**Deuteronomy 4:5-6**). Likewise, Jewish parents had a keen sense of God-given responsibility for the instruction and nurture of their children (**Deuteronomy 6:6ff**). **Proverbs**; this, as Robert H. Alden explains, "provides both a goal and route. The goal is successful living and the route is the way of wisdom."

Proverbs 2:1-9. "The Lord gives wisdom" (v 6). Life is quite

meaningless without Divine wisdom. We need this wisdom to interpret life, death, and eternity. Worldly wisdom is "earthy, sensual, [and] demonic," whereas heavenly wisdom "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy: (**James 3:15, 17**).

God's Wisdom is a Gift to be Possessed. "The Lord gives wisdom" (**Proverbs 2:6**). To possess this wisdom, we must fulfill the conditions laid out in **verses 1-4**. We must **receive** God's wisdom (v 1). This is where we fail so often. We "do not have because we do not ask" (**James 4:2**). We must **request** God's wisdom. We must "cry out" for **discernment** and "lift up [our] voice for **understanding**. God says, "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search with me with all your heart" (**Jeremiah 29:13**). More than this, we must **research** God's wisdom. Like an eager miner, we must dig for "hidden treasures: in God's holy Word (v 4). Each of these conditions is preceded with the participle "if"! It is useful to remember that God's spiritual blessings are always conditional.

God's wisdom is a Goal to be Pursued. "The Lord gives wisdom" (v 6) in order to **reveal** Himself to us. The conditions we have looked at are followed by the important word "then" (v 5,9). "If . . . then" is the construct. The first teaches us that wisdom reveals the **awesomeness of our God**; only with Divine wisdom do we understand "the fear of the Lord" (v 5). In our modern day of irreverence and spiritual insensitivity, we need to contemplate the awesomeness of the God with whom we have to do. Divine

wisdom also reveals the **attributes of God**. These are summed up in one statement: "the **knowledge of God**" (v 5). **Think right now** of His nature and names: reflect upon His perfections and excellencies; worship Him "in the beauty of holiness" (**Psalm 29:2**),

Divine wisdom likewise reveals the **activities of our God**. Among the many that could be enumerated in different parts of Scripture, we are given several right here. God **speaks** wisdom to us: "from His mouth come **knowledge and understanding**" (v 6). "He stores up sound wisdom in us (v 7). Recall the times when you lacked wisdom (**James 1:5**). He **sends** wisdom to use in times of danger and peril "to preserve the way of His saints" (v 8).

This brings us to our second "then" (v 9). When we fulfill the above conditions, God **reproduces** Himself in us with the sublime qualities of His "divine nature" (**2 Peter 1:4**) Three are mentioned: "righteousness," "justice," and "equity." These three occur in the same order in **Proverbs 1:3** and suggest a course of action or way of life. In New Testament language, it is the outliving of the indwelling Christ. All this is possible because "in [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of **wisdom and knowledge** . . . and [we] are complete in Him."

There is no demand made upon our lives for which He is not adequate.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. **Knowledge** is having the facts. A knowledge of the Word is vital since that is where what we need to know is stored. The key verse for the book is **Proverbs 1:7**: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning [or chief part] of knowledge." If a man wants to be wise, the place to begin is in reverencing God and in trusting and obeying Him. To have knowledge, you must first have reverence for God. The source of wisdom is God who by His wisdom numbered the clouds (**Job 38:37**), founded the earth (**Proverbs 3:19**), and made the world (**Jeremiah 10:12**). To get knowledge, one must really want it. Getting wisdom is the most important thing you and I can do. Wisdom is the principal **thing** (first in importance). Knowledge is having the facts; **understanding** is being able to apply them to life. It is the ability to use knowledge in the right way. God alone can provide men and women with the wisdom to live righteously (**Proverbs 2:6; Job 11:6**).

Yours in Calvary love,
J. Gordon Henry

Wisdom Charles Spurgeon

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great as the knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Morning Prayer

O God, Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee. Help me to pray, and to think only of Thee. I cannot pray alone. In me there is darkness, but with Thee there is light. I am lonely, but Thou leavest me not. I am restless, but with Thee there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with Thee there is patience; Thy ways are past understanding, but Thou knowest the way for me.

O heavenly Father, I praise and thank Thee For the peace of the night. I praise and thank Thee for this new day. I praise and thank Thee for all Thy goodness and faithfulness throughout my life. Thou hast granted me many blessings: Now let me accept tribulation from Thy hand. Thou wilt not lay on me more than I can bear, Thou makest all things work together for good for Thy children.

Dietrich Bonhoffer

[NOTE: shared by Doorkeeper Eva Winebarger, Lynchburg, Virginia.]

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God [pray], who gives to all men liberally and without reproach, and it will be given him."
James 1:5

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NOTES from my BIBLE



DO YOU HAVE THE WORLD ON YOUR HEART ENOUGH TO PRAY?

Note 2226. Beholding Christ's glory is without question the preeminent, foundational ingredient in prevailing private prayer. --**Charles Spurgeon**

Note 2227. We must hear Jesus speak if we expect Him to hear us speak. --**Charles Spurgeon**

Note 2228. Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just. --**Thomas Jefferson**

Note 2229. Revival fires flame where hearts are praying.

Note 2230. Without wisdom, knowledge is useless and there will be no understanding.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

June 21--July 20, 2014

Regular	43	\$2,136.50
Kenya	<u>17</u>	<u>1,330.00</u>
Total	50	\$9,132.45



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

PRAYER CALENDAR**AUGUST 2014**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Jeremiah 1-6 (Kenya 44M)
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)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Jeremiah 7-10 (Kiribati 103,248)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Milcie Arnold (VA)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
Consuela Baker (NC)
Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
Marilyn Barry (VA)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Jeremiah 11-15 (N. Korea 24.7M)
Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
Bob Bouchard (KY)
William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
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)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Jeremiah 16-20 (S. Korea 49M)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Arretta Bruce (TN)
Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
George & Carol Buck (NJ)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Jeremiah 21-25 (Kosovo 1.8M)
Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)
Joeretha Capers (FL)
Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
Jeremiah 26-29 (Kuwait 2.7M)
Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Vernia Coleman (MD)
Mary Columbus (VA)
Kathie Connolly (VA)
Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
Dan Cravey (VA)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Jeremiah 30-33 (Kyrgystan 5.5M)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John Davis (VA)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Jeremiah 34-36 (Laos 6.7M)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
Fellowship Baptist Ch (FL)
William & Virginia Green
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Jeremiah 37-39 (Latvia 2.2M)
Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)
Bruce Sofia, Pastor
Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
Velma Graven (KY)
Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
Odether Gray (GA)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Jeremiah 40-45 (Lebanon 4.1M)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Charles Hale (VA)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
George & Joy Harper (VA)
Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
Jim Hengoed (CT)
Gina Henry (VA)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
Jeremiah 46-52 (Lesotho 1.9M)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Jack Henry (TN)
James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
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)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Lamentations (Liberia 4M)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
Betty Jackson (OH)
Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)
Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
William/Marsha Jester (DE)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Ezekiel 1-6 (Libya 6M)
Millicent John (NY)
Bob & Rhonda Johnson (FL)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Gwen Johnson (AZ)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
James Jones (FL)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Moham Katta (IL)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Ezekiel 7-11 (Liechtenstein 37,009)
Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
Darren Hisel, Pastor
Larry & Janet King (NC)
Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

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)
 Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Ezekiel 12-15 (Lithuania 3.5M)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Rachel Mann (NC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
 Wilma Marcum (KY)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Ezek 16-19 (Luxembourg 514,862)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)

Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Ezekiel 20-24 (Macau 583,003)

Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Gwen Miller (VA)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger Minney (VA)
 Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Ezekiel 25-28 (Macedonia 2.1M)

Elaine Moser (MN)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)

Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Ezekiel 29-32 (Madagascar 22.6M)

Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Joyce Riley (KY)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Ezekiel 33-36 (Malawi 16.8M)

Fred/Jeanette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
 (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Walter & Pearl Shields (VA)
 Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Ezekiel 37-39 (Malaysia 30M)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Ezekiel 40-43 (Maldives 393,998)

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Ch (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Ezekiel 44-48 (Mali 16M)

Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Rose Tengstrand (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Daniel 1-3 (Malta 411,277)

Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Daniel 4-6 (Marshall Is 69,747)

Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
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 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Keith/Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)
 Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Daniel 7-9 (Mauritania 3.4M)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don/Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Kay Wise (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Daniel 10-12 (Mauitius 1.3M)

Jeff & Terri Williamson
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

**DON'T FORGET
 THE DAILY PRAYER
 LIST ON PAGE NINE.**

DAILY INTERCESSION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

You do not have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

Walt Summers [Betty] VA

Eva Winebarger (VA)

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Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)

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Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)

Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)

Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Paula Tipton (Thailand)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)

Silas Yashim (Nigeria)

**I NEED THE PRAYERS
OF THOSE I LOVE
TO INTERCEDE TO GOD FOR JGHM.
PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS
AND FOR THE SCHEDULE.**

The Truly Wise Person

Who is wise as revealed in Proverbs?

The truly wise person will

- Hear the Word of God (1:5)
- Obey the Word of God (2:15)
- Store up what is learned (9:9; 10:14))
- Win the lost (11:30)
- Turn from sin (14:16)
- Control the tongue (10:19; 16:23)
- Be diligent (10:5)
- Inherit glory (3:30)
- Bring joy to others (10:1; 15:20)
- Have his needs met (21:20)
- Have strength for war (24:

"Where can wisdom be found?" Job 28:1-28

Many commentators believe this poem in praise of wisdom was penned by the author, not spoken by Job. If so, it reflects on the futility of the preceding argument of Job with his friends. Human beings can wrest precious metals from the earth, but only God has access to wisdom (cf. v 23).

Archeologists have shown that many mining techniques utilizing vertical and horizontal shafts were used thousands of years before Christ. Man is able to find earth's hidden treasures, but wisdom, which lies in the realm of the spiritual, is beyond human reach. Yet God has revealed a way of wisdom that is simple and clear: "Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom, and to depart from [shun] evil is understanding" (Job 28:28).

Like Job, you and I may not know the purposes God has in the things that happen to us. But we, also like Job, can choose to honor the Lord and live righteously. If we do, we will be wise as well as good.

Using "satire" to alert and to warn

Recently a relatively new friend, Ronald Gerard, visited me. Although we have had several telephone conversations, it was only the second time we had face-to-face conversation. As are many, he is disquieted over the direction of our culture, the rapidly deterioration of our morals. The difference is that he is speaking out talking to religious and civil leaders. He has a fertile mind. I have invited him to issue some of the needed warnings through the Reflector and he has used "satire" (use of wit) to call out to us.

WARNING: IF I WERE SATAN

By Ronald Gerard

My cousin was the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Our Uncle is Lucifer. Uncle Lu is cool. He is still in charge of deceit, confusion, distortion, perversion, and temptation.

As Satan, the serpent tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The serpent said: "For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

Warning # 1. If I were Satan, I would order my minions to duplicate another tree of knowledge of good and evil. Doubtless today's modern technological society would covet the new tree of knowledge of good and evil. This society is willing and eager to support the power of distortion and perversion by adopting it.

Satan's minions did design and produce an intricate and intoxicating on-line social media network available on the worldwide web (www). The internet was welcomed into most homes without any shame. The internet was developed by several government agencies and some university scientists. The internet was delivered for public consumption without fanfare. It just arrived. No one took any credit for its implementation.

Warning # 2. Satan may have been the inspiration behind its implementation.

Satan, more than ever before, is tempting people seeking the pleasures found in using the internet. So many temptations are leading people to digital addiction, towards their questionable destiny.

People can go on line to shop, receive an education, do financial transactions, study the Bible, promote their own agenda, watch other people with or without their permissions, thus becoming more and more worldly, rather than just being in the world. Depending on your personal belief system, your faith and your personal interests, good and evil cannot be clearly defined. For a woman to be pregnant with a baby in her womb, she might choose to terminate the child. Is this good? Same sex marriages are defined by one male with one male or one female with one female. Is this good? If so, then three males together, on it goes.

Warning # 3. You can lie in your bed, in the quiet of your home, ignore family members, and drown. Drown yourself in the sea of knowledge of good and evil released from the internet.

You can download, upload, go on line, link, visit chat rooms, browse, blog, text, tweet, E-mail, play Xbox games, Google, Youtube, Facebook, and Twitter your life away. All of that with the change of your pajamas. God created the heavens and the earth in six days. Then God rested on the seventh day. Why did God rest on the seventh day? The intrusion of the internet into people's homes 24/7/365, anytime, anywhere. No rest for the wicked.

Warning # 4. The internet and those mobile devices, that have app stores, are the newest man-made idols. Is this good? NO! It is a SIN. The Social Idolatry Network.

FOOTNOTE: I AM NOT SATAN. THANK YOU, FATHER GOD. JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

THIS IS THE TIME
OF THE YEAR
THAT SUE AND I
HAVE THE PRIVILEGE
OF HOSTING SOME OF
OUR MISSIONARIES.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE
COMMUNICATION VIA THE
INTERNET OR SKYPE, THERE
IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR FACE-
TO-FACE. THERE IS ALWAYS A
LOT OF HUGGING. MY
PORTUGUESE/SPANISH
INTERPRETER, ADAM
NATHANSON AND HIS FAMILY
FROM CARACAS, VENEZUELA
WERE THE MOST RECENT
ONES. DOORKEEPER LEONOR
AVILA, ADAM'S MOTHER FROM
BALTIMORE, WAS WITH THEM
AND THAT IS ALWAYS A
SPECIAL TREAT FOR US.
PRAY FOR ADAM & DIANNA
AND THEIR TWO SONS,
DANIEL AND DAVID, AS THEY
WORK IN WHAT HAS BECOME
A TROUBLED NATION--
BEAUTIFUL VENEZUELA.
PRAY THAT THE DETAILS OF
OUR NINTH SERIES OF PRAYER
SEMINARS SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER WILL GO WELL AND
THAT WE CAN BOOK TRAVEL
WITHOUT ANY HITCH.

Holding the Ropes

The year was 1792. William Carey had challenged his Baptist brethren to obey their responsibility to take the Gospel to unreached lands. Baptists of mid-England formed the Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen. They appointed Carey and John Thomas to go to India as missionaries. In 1793, Carey said a tearful farewell to his church in Leicester, England. On a Wednesday the Society came together as Carey and his son prepared to leave. Sometime during that all-day meeting, Carey met with the four leaders of the Society. These men promised Carey "that, as he went forth in the Society's name and their Master's, they should never cease till death to stand by him." Andrew Fuller, one of those men, later described the occasion with an illustration.

Fuller said that the mission to India seemed like a few men going into a deep, unexplored mine. It was as if Carey said, "Well, I will go down if you will hold the rope." The meeting, in Fuller's mind, was if he and the other brethren gave their word that "whilst we lived, we should never let go of the rope."

The four leaders of the Baptist Society kept their word to Carey. They served the Society, prayed for Carey, and raised needed funds. History records that, indeed, each man "held the rope" until he died. 221 years have passed since Carey, who is known as the father of modern missions, first volunteered to go. Times have changed, and Carey would not recognize our modern world. Godly missionaries labor for Christ around the world today. Further, thousands upon thousands go as short-term missionaries. The work on which Carey embarked so long ago and the work these missionaries do today is the same.

Rope Holders for Martin

Beginning in 1985, Sue and I have often asked the **Doorkeepers** to hold the ropes for us as we traveled to other nations "preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ" (**Acts 28:31**). Not one time did our call go unheeded. Since 1985, **Doorkeepers** have designated \$779,369.83 of their support to provide prayer seminars in other nations. Actually, the \$13,000 budget established by the late **B. A. Prabhakar** (Asia for Christ) appeared an unsurmountable mountain for our small, fledgling ministry. It was to cover extensive travel to venues in several major cities across India. Included were an evangelistic crusade held in a large tent in Secunderabad-Hydrabad. We provided funds for publicity, food for the prayer seminar participants, prayer seminar workbooks, pens, follow-up materials, security guards for the tent, and such matters. **Dr. Sam Simpson**, pastor, Bronx & Wake Eden Baptist churches in New York City accompanied us to serve as the evangelist wherever we traveled.

Much to our delight our **Doorkeepers** held the ropes and our international ministry was launched. Now, thousands upon thousands have been taught the purpose and power of prayer along with other necessary disciplines (Word of God, Spirit-filled, Witnessing, Stewardship). A prayer seminar workbook has been provided in the language of the people wherever we have gone. After India 1985, I have known that **where God guides, He provides**. The fruit has been lighthouses of prayer scattered throughout fifty-eight nations. Churches have been revived as pastors/people have been renewed. The fruit includes a large number who have trusted Christ as their own Savior.

For the first time in twenty-nine years, I joined the **Rope Holders** entrusting the prayer seminars (and there were fourteen of them over a nineteen day period) to **Martin Shikuku**, pastor, Glory Baptist Church, Eldoret, Kenya and the director JGHM: East/Central Africa Branch. **Martin and his team followed the same schedule that had been arranged for me. The future of the prayer seminar ministry is just as bright as the promises of God and the faithfulness of His children.**

Pause to Consider

It is now the moment when by common consent we pause to become conscious of our national life and to rejoice in it, to recall what our country has done for each of us, and to ask ourselves what we can do for our country in return.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

BE BOLD IN PRAYING!

BE BOLD IN REPENTING, CONFESSING SINS & REPENTING!

BE BOLD IN SHARING THE GOSPEL!

BE BOLD IN STANDING AGAINST EVIL!