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Shem and Deborah Kamla Facing BOKO HARAM in Nigeria

Please pray for our colleague in northeast Nigeria. **Shem Kamla** was my student at the Billiri Bible College, Gombe State, Nigeria, on Thursday, November 24, 1988. This was the fourth of six prayer seminars, a joint effort of Sudan Interior Missions (SIM, now Serving in Missions) and the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA), November 17-December 1. My brief diary note for November 24 was "Cobra Country. The spirit of joy and readiness among students/administrators/faculty/staff/pastors was obvious. One of the students was from a mountain tribe that was only discovered three years ago."

Shem became the student leader of a prayer ministry at the college using the principles from the prayer seminar. Upon graduation he established the **Prayer Warrior Ministries** using our materials. Outside his ministry location is his sign using our logo. Actually, **his work is the "oldest" of any work emanating from the prayer seminars**. I received a letter recently from Shem: "For some time



**SURVIVING
BOKO HARAM**
A child rescued from
Islamist militants
by Nigerian soldiers
in Sambia Forest.

you have not heard from me due to Boko Haram problems in Nigeria's northeast region. On June 14, there was an altercation and many died including the Academic Dean and Librarian of the college." My heart is broken because a very large number of Christians have been killed. A number of the churches that hosted prayer seminars and other churches have been burned. **Shem**, his wife, **Deborah**, and their family are living and ministering right in the Lion's mouth!

In the last six years, militant Islamists are reported to have killed an estimated 13,000, often Christians targeted in Nigeria's predominately Muslim north. In cities and villages across several northern states, militants have burned churches, slaughtered resident, kidnapped women and children, raped girls and perpetrated one of the worst campaigns of persecution against Christians in the 21st century. More than 1.5 million Nigerians have fled their homes.

Many of the churches with whom we have a relationship are in and around the Middle Belt city of Jos. During the first week in July, 44 were killed in that area. A church service was attacked in Potiskum on July 5, killing five people, including the pastor. Christians have endured door-to-door searches, with jihadists ordering them to convert to Islam or die. One pastor told the children in his church to prepare for the terrorist's unholy war from those who "want to remove our cross." Removing the cross is a Boko Haram trademark. There is no doubt that the militant Muslims are offended by the JGHM logo. Let's continue to pray for protection for Shem and Deborah, their family, their congregation, and others throughout this volatile region. Pray for the prayer seminar ministry (known as the Prayer and Church Renewal Ministry) which has recently had a leadership change.

**TOTALLY
YIELDED**

Start Day with God

Andrew Murray

The first and chief need of our Christian life is fellowship with God. As I need every moment afresh the air to breathe, as the sun every moment afresh sends down its light, so it is only in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong.

The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from heaven, and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God Himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God, and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

To this end, let your first act in your devotion be a setting yourself before God. In prayer, or worship, everything depends upon God taking the chief place. I must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration, speaking thus within my heart: "God is. God is near. God is love, longing to communicate Himself to me. God, the Almighty One, Who works all in all, is even now waiting to work in me, and make Himself known.

As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self-abasement. As a saint, let God's love overwhelm you, and bow you still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience.

and surrender to His goodness and mercy. He will exalt you.

Accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. Enter deep into God's holy presence in the boldness that the blood gives and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well pleasing. Christ loves you with a personal love. We have not only Christ's life in us as a power, and His presence within us as a person, but we have His likeness to be wrought into us. The likeness of Christ consists chiefly in two things—the likeness of His death and resurrection (See **Romans 6:5**). As we sink down in humility and dependence and entire surrender to God, the power of His death works in us, and we are made conformable

to His death. And so we know Him in the power of His resurrection, in the victory over sin, and all the joy and power of the risen life. He will maintain the life He gave, and bestow the grace to live as risen ones.

All this can only be in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. Count upon Him to glorify Christ in you. Count upon Christ to increase you in the inflowing of His Spirit.

"By faith" must here, as through all Scripture, and all the spiritual life, be the keynote. As you tarry before God, let it be in a deep quiet faith in Him, the Invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in all to you.

Note: Born in Cape Town, Andrew Murray was the son of a Scottish Presbyterian serving the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. After receiving an European education, he returned to Africa and became a well-respected missionary leader. In his later decades, his writing and speaking made a deep impression on audiences spanning the English-speaking world. He is best known for his devotional works. The edited excerpt above is from **The Deeper Christian Life**, originally published in 1895.

Approaching the Bible

I would distinguish between academic study and more general study of the Bible. At one level, and perhaps this is the most important level, I approach the Bible with a readiness and an expectation to hear the voice of God there. But there is no conflict between that more devotional use of the Bible and its academic study. I have sought to make available to my hearers, in a form they can assimilate, the results of my trying to enable them, like myself, to recognize and apply the voice of God in Holy Scripture.

F. F. Bruce

God is 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

Nation at crossroads

When the National Day of Prayer Task Force published its 2008 National Prayer, written by **Dr. Ravi Zacharias**, Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer, I was struck by the closing words and shared them with our readers. "Our nation is at a crossroads this year; we look to You to be our Strength and Shield. Please give us the guidance to elect one who will honor You and to respond to the wisdom from above so that our hope may be renewed and our blessings be treasured." Dr. Zacharias reflected that he did not know any time in recent memory where it has been more important for us as a nation to get on our knees before God and call upon Him for wisdom wisdom to make the right decisions and the right choices.

Today it is clear that we are no longer at the crossroads, but are moving rapidly down a road that is taking us further and further away from the intentions of our founding fathers.

The proponents of a lifestyle that is far removed from Biblical principles are celebrating victories that no sensible person would have thought possible when Dr. Zacharias penned his prayer. Leading up to the 2008 and 2012, articles were written reminding our readers that **ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES**. Look around you and see what the consequences of the last two presidential elections have produced. Could it be any more dire than this? One can only conclude that we are seeing evil personified. Are you as heartsick as I am?

I do not remember the first time that we shared **A Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day** with our

Doorkeepers and other readers. One year we actually disseminated the proclamation on beautiful parchment paper and encouraged folks to frame and display it. Some of you will remember that challenge.

On **March 3, 1863**, anguished by the ravages of civil war, **Abraham Lincoln** declared the day. Once again, his words need to be repeated and followed by a nation traveling the wrong road. Here is the proclamation:

Whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord ... We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us! It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

The licensing to preach process followed by local Baptist churches in 1957 included a candidate preaching a sermon before his home congregation. My sermon was at White Oak Baptist Church, Valley Home, Tennessee. The title of my message was "Forgetting God." God warned Israel: "When ... your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied ... you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant" (**Deuteronomy 8:13, 18**). Then beware, lest you forget God. Not only is it possible for an individual and a church to forget God, it is possible for a nation to forget God.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry



Memorial Gift
Jean Watts (Mrs. Rodger)
Oconto Gospel Chapel
Oconto, Wisconsin

In a recent letter, Rodger wrote: "There are from seven to fifteen men meeting for prayer on Saturday mornings. The women meet also on Saturdays and on Thursdays. In addition, we have an active prayer and e-mail chain. There has been lasting fruit from your ministry here! I re-circulate my copies of the **Reflector** among church members."



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CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS
OF MARRIAGE

Yorktown, Virginia

Dear Doorkeeper family,

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, Sue and I want to thank you for your friendship and your faithful partnership. During our prayer time recently, Sue prayed for you as "the best friends anyone could have." We covet your continued prayer on our behalf, that the Lord's blessing would continue to rest upon our labors. Let's keep on working, waiting, and watching until His glorious appearing!

Yours in Calvary love,
 Jim and Sue Henry

Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

No influence?

In a gun factory a great bar of steel, weighing 500 pounds and measuring eight feet in length, was suspended vertically by a very delicate chain. Near by, a common bottle cork was suspended by a silk thread. The purpose was to show that the cord could set the steel bar in motion. It seemed impossible. The cork was swung gently against the steel bar; and the bar remained motionless. But it was done again and again for ten minutes, and lo, at the end of that time the bar gave evidence of feeling uncomfortable, a sort of nervous chill ran over it. Ten minutes later the chill was followed by a vibration. At the end of half an hour the great bar was swinging like a pendulum. And yet there are people who dare assert that they exert no influence in the world.

Christians! **We do have an influence!** We are either STEPPING STONES or we are STUMBLING BLOCKS! See **Matthew 5:13-16** for a word from the Lord Jesus Christ to His followers!

THE BEST BOOK IN THE WORLD IS THE BIBLE. THE BEST PLACE TO PUT IT IS IN THE HEART. THE BEST REASON FOR PUTTING IT THERE IS THAT IT PROTECTS US FROM SINNING AGAINST GOD.

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"Old Glory" LONG MAY IT WAVE



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2286. The commands of God must be set before us as the mark to aim at, the model to work by, and the road to walk on. **Charles Spurgeon**

Note 2287. He that gives good admonition and bad example builds with one hand and tears down with the other. **Francis Bacon**

Note 2288. What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary. **Emerson**

Note 2289. Holiness requires a deliberate choice to follow the way of truth as revealed in Scripture.

Note 2290. No one drifts into holiness; there must be a desire for holiness. "Teach me Your statutes."

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

June 22--July 20, 2015

Regular	52	\$3,795.00
Martin's van	<u>37</u>	<u>4760.00</u>
Total	89	\$8,555.00



WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPER!

Sheryl Parker (VA)

PRAYER CALENDAR**AUGUST 2015***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Jeremiah 1-6 (Kenya 45M)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (NJ)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Jeremiah 7-10 (Kiribati 104,488)
 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)
 Robert/Hilda Bondurant (NC)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Jeremiah 11-15 (N. Korea 24.8M)
 Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 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)

WEDNESDAY, 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 & Janet Buck (NJ)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Jeremiah 21-25 (Kosovo 1.9M)
 Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

FRIDAY, 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)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Jeremiah 30-33 (Kyrgyzstan 5.6M)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
 Dan Cravey (VA)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 John Davis (VA)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Jeremiah 34-36 (Laos 6.8M)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 James Fugatge (CA)
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Sara George (GA)

TUESDAY, 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)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Jeremiah 40-45 (Lebanon 5.9M)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

THURSDAY, 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)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Lamentations (Liberia 4.1M)
 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)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Ezekiel 1-6 (Libya 6.2M)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
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 Mohan Katta (IL)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Darren Hisel, Pastor
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 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
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MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Ezekiel 7-11 (Liechtenstein 37,009)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Steve & Dawn Lambert (NC)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

TUESDAY, 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)
Edward Lucas (VT)
Rachel Mann (NC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
Wilma Marcum (KY)

WEDNESDAY, 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)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Ezekiel 20-24 (Macau 583,003)
Betsy Miedema (MI)
Gwen Miller (VA)
Marvel Mills (VA)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
FRIDAY, 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)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
Mildred Pittman (NC)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
Ezekiel 29-32 (Madagascar 22.6M)
Ben Poplin (VA)
Barbara Powell (NY)
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)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Ezekiel 33-36 (Malawi 17.4M)
Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
Gene Jones, Pastor
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Ezekiel 40-43 (Maldives 393,998)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
THURSDAY, 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)
Larry & Donna Thompson (VA)
Montez Thompson (WI)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Daniel 1-3 (Malta 412,655)
Carroll/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)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Daniel 7-9 (Mauritania 3.5M)
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 Verrall (FL)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Daniel 10-12 (Mauritius 1.3M)
Jeff Williamson
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
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**REMEMBER
THE DAILY PRAYER
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DAILY INTERCESSION

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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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**"Set your mind on things above,
not on things on the earth."
Colossians 3:2**

A Willing Servant

[A true story and one of many]
Off to a nursing home, a willing
servant went;
So many needy there and so many,
their lives far spent.
Down the long halls and into the many
rooms,

The willing servant did go.

A visit here and a visit there,
Could there be someone in need?
In need of the Savior
Some may never have known.

The servant's precious faith helps
her to move from room to room;
Along side is Jesus wherever that
servant goes.

And THEN, there is one —the Savior
he does not know.
Here is one at life's very end.
The Lord says, "Stop and talk with
him!"

The question comes up, "Do you know
the Savior?"

Then opens a precious heart, to hear,
Then a prayer of salvation and with
joy,

Jesus is accepted
As down the face the tears flow
And assurance of heaven another
one will know.

Thank God for that servant and her
willingness to go
And help another to really know.

Walt Sommers
Forest, Virginia
4/13/AD 2015

Saved by Grace

Fanny J. Crosby

Some day the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall sing;
But, O the joy when I shall wake,
Within the palace of the King!

Chorus:

And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace,
And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace.

Some day my earthly house will fall,
I cannot tell how soon 'twill be,
But this I know, my All in All,
Has now a place in heav'n for me.

Some day when fades the golden sun
Beneath the rosy tinted west,
My blessed Lord will say, "well done!"
And I shall enter into rest.

Some day! Till then I'll watch & wait,
My lamp all trimmed & burning bright,
That when my Savior ope's the gate,
My soul in Him may take its flight.

And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace,
And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by grace.

The persecuted church

It seems incredible to me that in places where my feet have walked conducting prayer seminars, "preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence" (**Acts 28:30**), that Christians are being persecuted/slaughtered for their faith. I speak of Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan, India, Burundi, Colombia, Mexico, Philippines, and other nations. But that is not all. A recent list cited specific atrocities in Laos, Sri Lanka, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Brunei, Vietnam, Nepal, Algeria, Mauritania, Central Africa Republic, Niger, Horn of Africa, Maldives, Bangladesh, Tunisia, Cameroon, Egypt, and Bhutan. Although it is possible that God will lead us to other tangible steps to take to support the persecuted church, the basic steps are established already. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, **pray for those who abuse you**" (**Luke 6:27-28**).

From God's Written Word

"Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well, Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it" (**King Solomon in Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**).

Some suggest the "silver cord" is the spinal cord, that the "golden bowl" may refer to the brain, that the "pitcher shattered at the fountain" is a failing heart, and the "wheel broken at the well" is the system of veins and arteries radiating out from the heart that appeared to the ancients like the spokes of a wheel. Perhaps this is true, but it is easy to think of what happens to the four images is a demonstration of the finality of this life on earth. For the believer, it is comforting to know that the "spirit [of man] will return to God who gave it." For the believer, death means the entrance into eternity to be forever with the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two Death Announcements

The first announcement was published in **Morristown, Tennessee**: "Ayers Porter, Sr., age 94, long-time resident of Alpha Valley Home Road, born April 21, 1921, went to join his wife of 71 years, Nina Mae Kenley Porter, on Wednesday, June 24th, after a brief stay at Heritage Center." The second announcement was published in the **Daily Press, Newport News, Virginia**: "YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA Katherine Goff Morgan moved from her earthly home to her heavenly home on Wednesday, July 15, 2015."

AYERS PORTER, SR.

April 21, 1921- June 24, 2015

Ayers became my friend in 1951 through White Oak Baptist Church, my home church. He was a deacon and leader in the church, as well as one of the area's leading businessmen. He was thirty years old and I was sixteen. He became a "hero" in my eyes because he openly sought to bring folks to the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember going into a prayer room during a revival meeting in the church and watching Ayers on his knees weeping over a lost man whose name had been placed on the board night after night. During the meeting, the man was saved and no one rejoiced more than Ayers. That is the kind of deacon he was and his burden for the unsaved never diminished. He became my mentor. As moderator of the church business meeting, his name was affixed to my "license" to preach. His telephone calls the past thirty-five years were frequent, as well as his financial support for the prayer seminar ministry. As long as his memory held, his voice reached out to me in encouragement. He loved His Father in Heaven. He loved His Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved White Oak church. He loved his vintage cars and was proud of two he owned: a 1931 Chevrolet like the first car he and Nina owned, and a

1929 Model A Ford. Sacagawea gold dollars were favorite gifts he gave his friends. I have several of them as keepsakes. Of all those whom God used to mold my early life and ministry, Ayers was the last. I thank God for a sixty-four year friendship.

KATHERINE GOFF MORGAN

August 9, 1930 - July 15, 2015



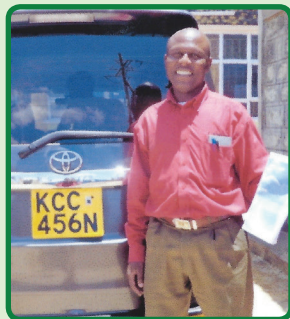
Over thirty-seven years ago, Sue and I lived across the street from **Jim and Katherine Goff**. Jim was retired military and Katherine held a high civilian position at Fort Monroe Army Base. Soon a friendship developed that has only deepened as the years have unfolded. After Jim's untimely death, Katherine and I often talked, exchanged Scriptures, usually on the telephone. One day, she said, "Dr. Henry, I no longer think of you and Sue simply as friends, but as family." Then she said, "I think of you as my brother." I gladly assumed that position and our relationship deepened. When JGHM was incorporated in the State of Tennessee in May 1984, a Board of Directors was named to oversee the ministry. Katherine became an

honorary board member and took her role seriously. She looked forward to receiving the quarterly board materials, and followed the work around the world, often commenting on some agenda item. After she moved to a convalescent home, she wanted the materials to continue.

On the last visit we made to James River Convalescent Center, Newport News, Virginia, Katherine did not respond to our voices. Hymns were being played quietly in the background. She was lying in a fetal position with one of the most radiant smiles on her beautiful, peaceful face I have ever seen. As we held her hands, she would flinch from pain. We reported to John and Glenda Holland, our honorary board members who live in nearby Yorktown, that we felt her departure would be soon. Five days later, I called to check on her expecting her caregiver to answer. To my surprise Katherine answered the phone with a strong, steady voice. I rejoiced at this gift from God. I shared Scriptures. We prayed together and made plans to return soon to Newport News. But it was not to be. A few days later, we received the news: "Katherine has left us."

Two death notices from two different states! My heart aches for us who are left behind as the **PRECIOUS MEMORIES** of Ayers and Katherine flood my soul. We shall meet again in the land where there will be no more parting! Farewell, dear friends, until the Glad Reunion Day comes. As I move nearer Home my interest in Heaven grows stronger. Sometimes I think I have more already residing in Heaven than on earth. That is the way that it is!

Martin has a car!



For the past two years, Martin Shikuku has served as the director for JGHM-East/Central Africa Branch. He is the founder of Glory Baptist Church located in the beautiful Rift Valley area of West Kenya. His scope for prayer seminars is Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and DR Congo. His eyes rest upon Sudan as well. Take a look at a map of Africa and see the area these nations encompass! I recently asked our Doorkeepers and partners to help us pay the \$8,000 remaining on the van. As of Monday, July 20, 2015, 37 contributions have been received totaling \$4,610. On behalf of Martin and the people in East/Central Africa, thank you. Let's continue to pray for the van to be debt-free before my 80th birthday on September 30, the set goal.

Martin's most recent e-mail is dated Friday, July 17. An excerpt follows: "Our hearts are strong and we are in the Word daily and committed to serving Him faithfully. On 1st of August, I will be conducting a prayer seminar in Waitaluk expecting fifty pastors and church leaders before the 26th-30th seminars in Nairobi." Isn't it a great blessing to be Ropeholders for Martin knowing that each penny will be used to further the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?