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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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What does 2011 hold in store of us? The challenges facing our world behoove us to follow Paul's advice to the Galatians to "not grow weary while doing good ... as we have opportunity let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:9-10). We are abundantly blessed with family, friends, and ministry partners and are very thankful for each of you. You enable ministry and are such an encouragement to us and we thank you.

Sue Henry's 2010 Christmas Letter

Perspectives

One of my favorite characters in the Bible is **Enoch**, who “walked with God and was not for God took Him” (**Genesis 5:24**). Further, he not only walked with God, he “pleased God” (**Hebrews 11:5**). He was a **man of faith**. Someone said that on one of the walks, God observed, “Enoch, we are nearer My home than yours, go home with Me.” And so he did. As a pastor, I prepared my people for a New Year by reminding them to move into the New Year with a commitment to walk with God and please Him daily using **Enoch** as their model.

Recently, I ran across an article by **Edward Griffin** (1770-1837) entitled **Walking with God**. He was a Presbyterian minister involved in the Second Great Awakening (which I discuss in my book **Intercession: Prayer as Work**, p 168ff). He was pastor of several churches in **New Jersey** and **New York**, professor at **Andover Theological Seminary (MA)**, and later President of **Williams College**. To begin this New Year, 2011, I want to share his message. I believe that it will bless you as it blessed me. The only thing that I would add is to point out that not only is prayer vital to our walking with God, spending time in His Word is equally necessary.

And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him”
(**Genesis 5:24**).

We have many strong featured characters drawn in history. Some shine in all the brilliancy of martial achievements, and are renowned for the conquest of kingdoms. Others have gathered laurels in the paths of science and illumined the world with the flashes of their genius. Others by their counsels have swayed the fate of empires. And the deeds of these have been loudly sounded by the triumph of fame.

But more is said in praise of this man of

God in the few short words of our text, than is said of them all. A greater character is given **Enoch** in four words than is ascribed to the most renowned warriors and statesmen by the whole voice of history and poetry.

There is something very expressive in the phrase, “walked with God.” We all know what it is for two friends to walk together, engaged in close and interesting conversation. This is the figure represented by the intercourse of Enoch with his God.

The figure is well adapted. The Christian’s daily, intimate, unseen communion with God is very fitly represented by two close friends walking together, engrossed with each other, unmindful of all the world beside, unseeing and unseen.

When two friends thus walk together their communion is secret. So is the communion between the Christian and his God. The world wonders what the Christian finds to employ himself about when alone. They wonder what supports him under trials, and renders his countenance cheerful when they looked for sadness. Let them know then that he draws his comforts from another world; that he lives far away from this, where the changes and trials of the present state do not reach him.

When two friends thus walk together, their conversation is kind and sweet. So the man who walks with God pours into his Father’s ear all his desires and complaints, and receives His kind and comforting answers in return.

When two friends thus walk together they keep the same course, and thus are advancing towards the same object. So the man who walks with God is conformed to Him in moral character. Benevolence reigns in his heart, and his open arms embrace the universe.

Let us see what we must do in order to walk with God.

We must “pray without ceasing.” Prayer is the Christian’s life. Though every other ordinance be attended to, yet if this one be neglected, all is in vain. It is as impossible for the soul to be spiritually alive and active

without a punctual course of fervent and believing prayer, as for the body to be alive and active without breath.

Prayer is going directly to God to receive the life-giving Spirit according to an absolute and often repeated promise. *"Ask and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened"* (Matthew 7:7-8).

This was the faith of Enoch.

Do we prize the best society? What better society can be found than Enoch had? O let us never cease to walk with God. Amen.

On page twelve, we have announced the death of **Sue Bell**, our godly administrative assistant/secretary, who has been a part of our ministry for twenty-seven years (either as my secretary and/or the secretary of the Board of Directors. As did **Enoch**, **Sue walked with God!** One of the last entries Sue wrote in her dairy was from an article in the February 2010 issue of the **Reflector** entitled **"Home at Last."**

THINK

- Of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven;
- Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand;
- Of breathing a new air and finding it Celestial air;
- Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality;
- Of passing from storm and tempest to an unbroken calm;
- Of waking up and finding it HOME!

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

**HEAVEN--A PREPARED PLACE
FOR PREPARED PEOPLE!**

Words of Wisdom

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

--Jim Eliot

Wrong measuring stick

A little boy once told his mother that he was six feet tall. When she doubted the statement, he assured her that he had just measured himself. His calculations were right, but his ruler was not; it was only about six inches long. This is the sort of rule by which many Christians measure themselves.

A. B. Simpson

Still waiting

Waiting! Yes, patiently waiting!

Till next steps made plain shall be;

To hear, with the inner hearing,

The Voice that will call for me.

Waiting! Yes, quietly waiting!

No need for an anxious dread;

Shall He not assuredly guide me,

Who giveth me daily bread?

Waiting! Yes, hopefully waiting!

With hope that needn't grow dim;

The Master is pledged to guide me,

And my eyes are upon Him.

Waiting! Yes, expectantly waiting!

Perhaps it may be today

The Master will quickly open

The gate to my future way.

Waiting! Yes, trustfully waiting!

I know, though I have waited long,

That, while He withholds His purpose,

His waiting cannot be wrong.

Waiting! Yes, waiting, still waiting!

The Master will not be late,

He knows that I am waiting

For Him to unlatch the gate.

— J. D. Smith

In Loving Memory
Ruby Jeanelle Henry Brady
Burger
August 19, 1922 November 7, 2010

Early Sunday morning, November 7, a nurse went into my sister's room at the **Heritage House, Morristown, Tennessee**. **Ruby** was not feeling well. Around 4 a.m., the nurse said: "Ruby, just close your eyes and relax." Within three minutes, my sister left her body and went to be with the Lord whom she loved and served. She was eighty-eight. I can only imagine the reunion with family members, especially, our sister **Pansy**, who left us in 2005. Often, Ruby would bring her up stating how much she missed her. Now they are together in eternal bliss.

Ruby was a **woman of faith**. Like my mother, she enjoyed singing. During every visit, she would sing. When I began reading a Bible passage, she would join in quoting from memory much of the passage. During my infant years, she took care of me while my parents worked in the fields. We will miss her; we sorrow, but not as those who have no hope (**1 Thesssalonians 4:13**).

A number of years ago, she shared with me a poem that I have saved to use as a tribute to her faith. May it bless you as it has blessed me:

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read —"Heaven's Grocery Store."

As I got a little closer the door came open wide, and when I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. And all that you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I started with **salvation**, for salvation, that was free; So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I got some **patience**. **Love** was in the same row. Further down was **understanding** needed anywhere you go.

I got a box or two of **wisdom**, a box or two of **faith**. I just could not miss the **Holy Spirit** for He was all over the place.

I stopped to get some **strength** and **courage** to help run this race. By then my basket was growing full; but I needed some **grace**.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill, For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw **prayer** and just had to put that in, For when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

Peace and **joy** were plentiful; they were on the last shelf. **Song** and **praise** were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?" He just looked at me and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again, I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?" He smiled again and said, "**My dear child, Jesus paid your debt a long, long time ago.**"

My good friend, **Royal Blue**, pastor emiritus of the **Northern Valley Baptist Church, Redding, California**, said it well: "Let your talk walk and your walk talk!" As we remember those whose lives were well lived, we are challenged to do the same.

Itinerary

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

2 Thessalonians 3:1

January

- 8 Prayer Seminar
WConnecticut Baptist Association
Litchfield CT
- 9 Prayer Seminar
Friendship Baptist Church
Litchfield CT
- 16 Prayer Seminar
Foxworthy Baptist Church
San Jose CA

March

- 6-9 Prayer Revival
Northeast U Methodist Church
Columbia SC
- 26 Prayer Seminar
Faith Community Church
Davis IL
- 27 Evangelism Clinic/Preaching
Faith Community Church
Davis IL

April

**6-20 Prayer Seminars
Eastern Venezuela**

- ✓ **Ciudad Bolivar (150)**
- ✓ **Anaco (150)**
- ✓ **Puerto Piritu (200)**
- ✓ **Barcelona (200)**
- ✓ **Caripe-Congress of Prayer (300)**

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Redeeming the time

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:15-16

Redeem the time! God only knows
How soon our little life may close,
With all its pleasures and its woes.
Redeem the time!

Redeem the time, it goeth fast;
Then use it well, put aside the past,
And think each day may be our last,
Redeem the time!

Redeem the time, and that with might!
Far spent the day, quick falls the night;
Soon closes the race, and fought the fight.
Redeem the time!

TODAY ... TOMORROW

The year is over and a retrospective look follows with deeper thoughts of the year's span. The thoughts, the deeds, the motives placed in heaven's books, will be accounted for when we before Him stand. The wasted minutes, yes, the hours of selfish service. The opportunities passed by to reach lost men. The casual living without thought of plan or purpose. The life so full of self, but small in dividends.

Should He be pleased to give this soul another year, a new fresh page I'll fill, surrendered then to yield a heart, a soul, a mind aware that He is near, the lifting eyes again to ripening harvest fields.

--Dr. Charles Wagner

*Due to the faithfulness of our
DOORKEEPERS, JGHM has ended
2010 with all bills paid! Thank
you for your partnership.*

As Usual With Wesley

A lady once asked **John Wesley** that suppose he were to know that he would die at 12:00 midnight tomorrow, how would he spend the intervening time. His reply: "Why madam, just as I intend to spend it now. I would preach this evening at Gloucester, and again at five tomorrow morning; after that I would ride to Tewkesbury, preach in the afternoon, and meet the societies in the evening. I would then go to Rev. Martin's house, who expects to entertain me, talk and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room at 10 o'clock, commend myself to my heavenly Father, lie down to rest, and wake up in Glory."

Prayer for the New Year

Grant to me, O Lord, to know what I ought to know, to love what I ought to love, to praise what delights You most, to value what is precious in Your sight, to hate what is offensive to You. Do not suffer [allow] me to judge according to the sight of my eyes, nor to pass sentence according to the hearing of the ears of ignorant men; but to discern with true judgment between things visual and spiritual, and above all things to enquire what is the good pleasure of Your will. [We make this prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.]

— **Thomas A Kempis**

A great year ahead

With the blessings of 2010 fresh in our minds, let us prayerfully consider a great year of serving the Lord together. Let's be faithful to God's call. Constantly, I thank God for the **Doorkeepers** and that you have proven over the decades that you are willing to help. We are partners together with God (**1 Corinthians 3:9**). May 2011 be special to you and yours.



NOTES from my BIBLE

***Note 2006.** God marks across some of our days--"Will explain later."*

--Vance Havner

***Note 2007.** The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.*

***Note 2008.** If you want sure happiness, share it with others.*

***Note 2009.** How often the work of God seems to be hanging on a single thread! But that thread will hold if it is in God's hands.*

***Note 2010.** Prayer is not only the shortest distance to God's throne, it is the only way in.—Armin Gesswein*

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

November 3--December 18

Regular	71	\$6,730.00
Martin's van	5	465.00
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Total	139	\$12,031.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Welcome! New Doorkeepers!

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 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 John R. Reed (NH)
 Stentor & Rose Tengstrand (VA)
 Edward & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

PRAYER CALENDAR

January 2011

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalms 109:4b



SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

GENESIS 1-2 (Namibia 2.1M)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Milcie Arnold (VA)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
Consuela Baker (NC)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
MONDAY, JANUARY 3

GENESIS 3-5 (Nauru 14,019)

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Frank Bell (TN)
Tommy Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

GENESIS 6-9 (Nepal 28.6M)

Bob Bouchard (KY)
Gordon/Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Edward & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
Em & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Mary Ann Brown (GA)
Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

GEN 10-11 (Netherlands 16.7M)

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
George & Janet Buck (NJ)
Janice Bugg (TN)
Ruby Burger (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)
Laura Cannon (FL)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

GEN 12-14 (Caledonia 227,436)

David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Merry J Chandler (MD)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

GEN 15-17 (New Zealand 4.2M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Duffrene Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

GEN 18-20 (Nicaragua 5.9M)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

June Fisher (TN)
Claire /Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Michele Galasso & Sam
Greisbery (NJ)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

GENESIS 21-24 (Niger 15.3M)

Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester County Com Ch
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Charles Hale (VA)
George & Joy Harper (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
GEN 25-26 (Nigeria 149.2M)
Bruce, Gina, Sean Henry (VA)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)
Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
GENESIS 27-31 (Niue 1,298)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert & Almaretha Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13
GEN 32-36 (Norfolk Is 2,141))
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14
GEN 37-40 (N. Mariana 51,484)
James & Genevieve Jones (FL)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Jean Jonte (SC)
Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
Bruce Kirby, Pastor
Larry & Janet King (NC)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
GENESIS 41-44 (Norway 4.7M)
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Soma Kovoov (TX)
 Korean Branch:
 Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 David & Cathy Laing (FL)
 Phil Landers (OK)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
 Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell, Jr., Chancellor
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
MONDAY, JANUARY 17
GENESIS 45-47 (Oman 3.4M)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
GEN 48-50 (Pakistan 174.6M)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 Leonard & Martha Meador (WV)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Ministers
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
EXODUS 1-2 (Palau 20,798)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
EXODUS 3-6 (Panama 3.4M)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (KY)
 Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21
EX 7-10 (Paqua NG 5.9M)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Ellen Paulson (MN)

Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MI)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22
EX 11-12 (Paraguay 7M)
 Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 John Reed (NH)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 Denise Russell (OR)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (CT)
MONDAY, JANUARY 24
EXODUS 13-15 (Peru 29.5M)
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
EXODUS 16-18 (Kuwait 2.6M)
 Wonsub/Young-Mi Sheen (Korea)
 Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 His Highest Praise (HI)
 Lori Siri, Pastor
 Mary Skiles (KS)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
EX 19-20 (Philippines 98M)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
EXODUS 21-24 (Poland 38.5M)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 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)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
EX 25-27 (Portugal 10.7M)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 Montez Thompson (CO)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Stentor & Rose Tengstrand (VA)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29
EX 28-31 (Puerto Rico 4M)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George /Jeannette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Doris Snyder Vernall (FL)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
EXODUS 32-35 (Qatar 833,285)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
MONDAY, JANUARY 31
36-40 (Romania 22.2M)
 Edward Williams (NC)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 The Word Church (NJ)
 Buz Offenbacker, Pastor
 Lili Wykle (VA)
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

EVALUATE, THEN CORRECT

During what some would call a “long career” as an educator, a large portion of my time was serving as the first full-time Executive Director for the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**. Although there were some educational standards (along with appropriate evaluative criteria) in place when I began my work, the first years of my eleven-year tenure focused on expanding and fine-tuning the standards and evaluative criteria. Our goal was to establish an accreditation process for Christian institutions of higher learning that would equal or excel what was in place with nationally recognized accrediting agencies. **TRACS** was founded to serve institutions that believe in the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis including creation, not evolution.

I began the process by collecting the standards and evaluative criteria of as many accrediting agencies recognized by the U. S. Department of Education as possible. Then I began a careful study of each of the standards and the evaluative criteria developed to achieve and measure compliance. I reduced these to the basic structure. Since these agencies were already approved by the U. S. **Department of Education**, I knew that they were the best to emulate.

Then **TRACS** selected a committee of outstanding educators (led by **Dr. William Bowden**) to revise and strengthen our standards and evaluative criteria. The process took many months. Hours were spent in committee meetings looking at each word. Drafts were prepared reflecting the revisions. Then the revisions were revised many times over. Finally, the work was finished. The result was an accreditation process that was evaluated by the U. S. Department of Education and **TRACS** became a nationally recognized accrediting agency. During our efforts to gain recognition, **TRACS** used the prayer ministry’s facilities, furniture,

and equipment. We enlisted **Doorkeepers** to provide the prayer covering. There were many obstacles and it was a great day when recognition was finally granted by **Lamar Alexander**, then **Secretary of Education**.

Any interested institution could follow the **TRACS’** Standards and Evaluative Criteria to seek accreditation. I often made staff visits to guide the efforts of institutions. A thorough **Staff Report** was prepared following each visit citing level of compliance at the time of the visit. Each institution was required to do a self-study to reflect the level of compliance. A self-study report (with full documentation) was then presented to **TRACS**. After review, I appointed an evaluation team composed of educators from the **TRACS’** institutions who would then visit the campus to validate the findings of the self-study.

I spent many hours working with evaluation teams to assist in preparing the team report with their findings. The report included **recommendations** to bring the institution into full compliance with areas where there were weaknesses. To become accredited the institution had to address each recommendation and demonstrate compliance. Sometimes, the team gave **suggestions** where there was minimal compliance. In evaluation team orientation, I instructed the team to “turn over every stone” so their evaluation would be full and complete, yet fair.

Each believer would do well to conduct his/her own self-study using the written Word of God as the criteria. **Matthew 7:20**. Evaluate activities by the objective standard of God’s inspired Word and adjust behavior accordingly. There is no better time to do this than the beginning of a new year.

A Christian is wise to take time to conduct a self-study. The standards and evaluative criteria are in the written Word of God. I can think of no better place to start than with the **Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6, 7)**. As you read each of the **Beatitudes**,

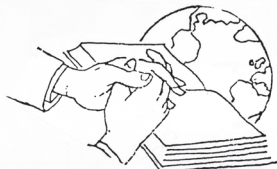
ask “Am I?” or “Do I?” as appropriate. This exercise will give you a pattern to follow as you let the Holy Spirit speak to you. Once you see yourself as God sees you, you are in a position to come into harmony with His Word and ask His hand of guidance as you put into practice what He has shown you.

Long ago, I learned that “the biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.” If you find that you have fallen short of God’s expectations, don’t waste time in regret or in morbid introspection. There is a land of beginning again. God is ready to allow you to enter into that land as you begin your journey into 2011.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES PRAYER NEEDED

Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
Shem & Merry Kamla (Nigeria)
Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
Nuhu & Merry Leo (Nigeria)
John & Elberta McSween (Trinidad)
Leslie & Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

***Every
day!***



If you need additional copies of the *I’m Reading the Bible Through* bookmark for others in your family and/or your Bible study members, let us know. While a person can began reading the Bible through at any day of the year, it is helpful to begin on January 1. Remember the Word is a Christian’s necessary food. As you would not do well without daily physical food, the same is true of spiritual food.

**WITH THIS ISSUE, THE REFLECTOR
BEGINS ITS 57TH YEAR. BE BLESSED!**

Kenya-Tanzania Report

The eleven prayer seminars in Kenya (3) and Tanzania (8) could not have gone better. All of the goals that we set were exceeded. It was an intense twenty days. Since I am a “homebody” (traveling is not my “cup of tea”), I stay homesick when I allow myself to think about it. The venue on this trip required around 1,960 miles ground travel. Some of the roads were not the best. Short distances required hours, literally.



Martin and Dr. Henry Teaching

Our basic focus was on teaching pastors (192) and leaders the purpose and power of prayer. Although the seminars were set up for Christians, forty-three (including one pastor’s seventeen-year old son) came to Christ; the Holy Spirit did a great work in bringing conviction to both the saved and the unsaved) as He brought the Word alive and instructed us. As usual, the workbook (this time Swahili edition) was greatly appreciated



Class in Tanzania

as a resource tool. We have follow-up in place in order to preserve the “revival” that we have seen. Please make this a matter of prayer.

A major purpose of my going to **East Africa** was to develop my “student,” **Martin Shikuku** one of the most promising young men with whom I have worked. As soon as he took my course at a Bible college in **Kenya** in April 2006, he (along with another Kenyan and two from the **Congo**) committed themselves to sharing the seminar in **East and Central Africa**. He began by translating the workbook into Swahili in handwriting (he had no computer for word processing). AND he has been teaching seminars faithfully while building a great church in **West Kenya** that has a pre-school (thanks to friends in Aitkin, Minnesota) and a Bible institute for those who are called to be pastors, but cannot go to a regular college. Martin determined to meet this need. Some of you will remember that JGHM provided mattresses, pillows, and sheets for the students. **JGHM** purchased a computer and he now has access to the internet from his own home. We bought him a digital camera, as well.



Martin's Van

When I first went to **Eldoret**, his city in the **Rift Valley**, his transport was by foot, by taxi, or by bus very difficult modes. He assured me that one day I would come and he would drive me to the different venues. I was skeptical. However, the Lord enabled us to purchase a car for Martin, but his vision was

for a van. By trading in the car and using the funds that we had set aside to lease a vehicle for the travel, Martin picked me up at the airport in **Mombasa** in a Toyota van! Can you believe it? Driving in these nations requires skill and he has developed the skill! I was surprised, but he said he got a driver's license in 1994 and kept it renewed awaiting the day that his vision for a van would be realized. That is faith in action! The balance on the van was \$3,954. Thanks to your help, we have recently sent an additional \$1,000; this brings the balance down to \$2,954. Martin firmly believes that he is serving **Jehovah-Jireh** and that God will provide the funds. Let's pray with him for the funds to pay off the van. **If you would like to help, designate “Martin's van” on your check.**

Both Martin and I concluded, due to my age, that this will probably be my last time with him. I used myraid approaches in teaching the seminars and Martin's expression was sometimes one of surprise as he learned new ways to present the materials. Be assured that our work in **East and Central Africa** is in good hands and will not be neglected in any way.

Thanks for your faithful partnership in the prayer seminar ministry. Your investment in the Bank of Heaven on this account is significant. I can only imagine the amount of the interest that is being accrued! Isn't it exciting to see the Lord work? I believe we will all be surprised.



Martin Assisting Students

Sue Bell (Mrs. Tommy)

August 8, 1940 December 10, 2010

For the past twenty-seven years, there has been one person who has been an integral part of the prayer seminar ministry — **Sue Young Bell (Mrs. Tommy)**. She



served as administrative assistant/secretary for nineteen years for **J. Gordon Henry Ministries**. Her work as a member of the Board of Directors (serving as secretary) has encompassed twenty-seven years.

In addition, Sue served as secretary for the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)** and was a key factor in securing approval from the **U. S. Department of Education** as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Her competency in management and organization is legend with few equals anywhere to be found. When **JGHM** relocated to **Lynchburg, Virginia** (where our daughters live), a decision was made to keep the board in **Murfreesboro, Tennessee**. We have been able to do that through the coordination of Sue working closely with **Dr. F. Murray Mathis**, chairman.

After a relatively brief illness, Sue made her exodus from earth to heaven on Friday, December 10, at the age of seventy. Although we are heart-broken, along with a host of family/friends (especially those from **Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church** where she has served faithfully for almost fifty years and **Concord Baptist Association**, where she served as secretary before joining **JGHM**), she was a **woman of faith** deeply grounded in the Word of God. Her spiritual maturity enabled her to ably counsel many people. What does this mean? She was constantly seeking others to become members of the

family of faith.

God has made each of us in His own image, which includes the ability to make choices for ourselves. **Adam**, our forefather, chose to break deliberately God's directive not to eat the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. At that moment, just as God had said, he died (not physically or as a person, but his spirit died to God). Since that time everyone who has come into this world has been born dead to God. Before Jesus came, the way of atonement was the blood of an innocent animal anticipating a day in the future when Jesus Himself would become the "lamb that was slain." His death on the Cross was payment for our sins, not His, for He had none.

To begin her journey as a **woman of faith**, Sue heard the story of the Lord Jesus Christ and **believed** what she heard. The evidence of that belief was to exercise faith by trusting Him as her Savior — that which was dead to God came alive to God. **Faith** means more than intellectual belief; it means that a person places **trust** in Jesus as his/her Savior and Lord. Sue began a pilgrimage of "growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

What happened to **Sue Bell** when she trusted Jesus so long ago? (1) Her name was placed in the **Lamb's Book of Life**; (2) the Holy Spirit came to live in her; (3) the Holy Spirit placed her into the body of Christ; (4) the Holy Spirit gave her a spiritual gift to use to build up the body of Christ; (5) She was set on the road to Heaven. Now, she has arrived there to join those already there and to await the coming of the rest of us.

Yes, our hearts are broken and it is difficult to know what we are going to do without Sue's presence. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Our hope is in the Lord, His words and His actions. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and He will one day be ready for our moving there. He has promised and He keeps His promises.