

# REFLECTOR

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**These are the times that try men's souls.** The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated. — **Thomas Paine**, *The Crisis*, December 23rd, 1776

When **Thomas Paine** wrote these words in 1776, his concern was liberty from tyranny that was a very real reality for our forefathers. Fast forward to the reality for us in 2015. Some very wise observers speak of the effect of eminent decisions by the Supreme Court related to natural

marriage, homosexuality (encapsulated to LGBT— Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and lauded by many politicians although the actual number is said to be only two to three percent of our population) and same-sex marriage as **a clear and present danger to religious liberties and free speech**. If the Court rules adversely, once the dust settles, Christians (people of faith) may be forced to make the same type of choice described in **Acts 4**. Read the account for yourself. When the Apostles were brought before the Jewish Sanhedrin for speaking the gospel after being warned to remain silent, they stood their ground" "But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men (**Acts 5:29**). Earlier Peter had laid the groundwork in his words to the officials, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. We cannot help but speak in His name" (**Acts 4:19-20**).

## Overwhelmed! Perplexed! Then what?

The Bible has the answer! Asaph was a musician to whom King David gave major responsibility in the worship at the tabernacle in Jerusalem. When David brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, he placed the musical services into the hands of Asaph, Heman, and Ethan, each representing one of the three great Levitical clans. As the ark was brought into the city, these three sang and sounded cymbals. In the dedication service, Asaph led the musicians "to invoke, to thank, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel" (1 **Chronicles 16:4**)

I remember the first awareness that I had of Asaph's testimony of a life experience that brought a deep sense of perplexity. He shared the experience in **Psalms 73**, one of eleven psalms attributed to Asaph. One of the responsibilities that I had at Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky, where I served as pastor, was to teach the senior adult men's Sunday school class. It was the year that our son, Mark, was born 1959. The "tools" I depended upon to prepare a lesson were the Bible itself and two publications produced by the Sunday School Board (Broadman Press) of the Southern Baptist Convention. One was entitled **Broadman Comments**, an excellent commentary following the International Sunday School Lesson plan; the other was a small commentary written by Clifton J. Allen. To say I studied the passage to be taught diligently would be an understatement. I began the preparation for the next Sunday's lesson on Sunday and spent time daily getting ready to teach. By the way, I kept a set of **Broadman Comments** and Dr. Allen's commentaries for the active years of my pastoral ministry (1953-1980) in my library and often turned to these invaluable Bible study tools.

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## Taking a stand

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — The current and 16 former Southern Baptist Convention presidents released a **statement on biblical marriage and the national implications of same-sex marriage** in a June 17, 2015, news conference prior to the concluding sessions of the SBC annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. SBC President Ronnie Floyd moderated the news conference, attended by eight of the former presidents.

The full statement follows:

As Southern Baptist Christians, we are committed to Biblical faith and ethics. As a result, this body of Believers stands on the authority of Scripture and God's Truth as central to our lives.

What the Bible says about marriage is clear, definitive and unchanging. We affirm biblical, traditional, natural marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The Scriptures' teaching on marriage is not negotiable. We stake our lives upon the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

**Consequently, we will not accept, nor adhere to, any legal redefinition of marriage issued by any political or judicial body including the United States Supreme Court. We will not recognize same-sex "marriages", our churches will not host same-sex**

## **ceremonies, and we will not perform such ceremonies.**

While we affirm our love for all people, including those struggling with same-sex attraction, we cannot and will not affirm the moral acceptability of homosexual behavior or any behavior that deviates from God's design for marriage. We also believe religious freedom is at stake within this critical issue that our first duty is to love and obey God, not man.

Therefore, we strongly encourage all Southern Baptist pastors, leaders, educators, and churches to openly reject any mandated legal definition of marriage and to use their influence to affirm God's design for life and relationships. As the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination with over 16 million members, we stake our very lives and future on the Truth of God's Word.

We also join together to support those who stand for natural marriage in the corporate world, the marketplace, education, entertainment, media and elsewhere with our prayers and influence, and resource

Former SBC presidents signing the statement are Bailey E. Smith, SBC president, 1981-82; James T. Draper Jr., 1983-84; Charles F. Stanley, 1985-86; Jerry Vines, 1989-90; Morris H. Chapman, 1991-92; H. Edwin Young, 1993-94; James B. Henry, 1995-96; Tom Elliff, 1997-98; Paige Patterson, 1999-2000; James Merritt, 2001-02; Jack Graham, 2003-04; Bobby Welch, 2005-06; Frank S. Page, 2007-08; Johnny M. Hunt, 2009-10; Bryant Wright, 2011-12; and Fred Luter, 2013-14.

## **I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

### **UNITED STATES FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### **CHRISTIAN FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior, for whose kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

### **THE BIBLE**

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's holy word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.

### **THE LAMB OF GOD**

I pledge allegiance to the Lamb. With all my strength, with all I am, I will seek to honor His commands, I pledge allegiance to the Lamb.

### **THE AMERICAN'S CREED**

**I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a Republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.**

**William Tyler Page**

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These books are among the ones that are now in the J. Gordon Henry Collection at the Hogue Library, Northeastern Baptist College, in Bennington, Vermont.

When we came to **Psalm 73**, I was somewhat shocked to learn that one of the chief musicians who led worship admitted in writing that he had become so perplexed and overwhelmed almost to the point of "throwing in the towel." His confusion started when he became preoccupied with thoughts related to how well off the wicked were lots of money, plenty of pleasure, no troubles. Soon he was wishing that he were like them!

Asaph found the answers when he went into the sanctuary. One can paraphrase **Psalm 73:17** thusly: "Then something wonderful happened. One day I went into the sanctuary of God—not the literal temple in Jerusalem but the heavenly one. I entered there by faith. As I was complaining to the Lord about the prosperity of the wicked in this life, the question suddenly flashed across my mind, **'Yes, but what about the life to come?'** The more I thought about their eternal destiny, the more everything came into focus." He acknowledged that he then understood that the things that were causing him to feel envy were mere shadows. Becoming agitated and bitter over the seeming prosperity of the ungodly was stupid and in questioning God's justice, he was acting more like a beast than a man. His behavior was ignorant (**vv 21-22**).

But in spite of ignorant behavior, God did not forsake Asaph. "I am continually with You, and You hold on to me, like a father holds his child

by the hand. Throughout all my life, You guide me with Your counsel, and then at last You will receive me to glory" (**vv 23-24**). He had come to the place that he had no desire for anything on earth apart from God. He expressed that he was satisfied with God and found his all-sufficiency in Him. One can almost hear him declare, "My body may fail, but God is the strength of my life and all I'll ever need or want throughout eternity. As far as I am concerned, I want to live as near to You as possible. I have committed myself to You for protection, and I want to declare all Your wonderful works to anyone who will listen" (**vv 25-28**).

It was in that men's Sunday school class over **fifty-five years ago that I learned the lesson to look at life with eternity's values in view.** That understanding has made me a better preacher, teacher, and counselor to those with Asaph's questions whom God has sent into my life. Remember your Bible has the answer! Don't forget to look there when **OVERWHELMED and PERPLEXED.**

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry



**SOWING! REAPING!**  
**PRAYER SEMINAR**  
**KEDRON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**GLADYS, VIRGINIA**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015**  
**9:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

## Remembering Pearl Shields (Mrs. Walter)

December 4, 1935 June 14, 2015  
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

The last note from Pearl Shields was "Thanks." As she valiantly faced tough times, her trust remained steadfast in her Father and Jesus Christ, her Savior and Lord.

Dear Dr. Henry,

Thank you for taking the time to visit me and for adding my name to the prayer list. It is such a blessing to know that so many Christians are praying for me.

When you came to visit, I had just picked up two new prescriptions at the pharmacy and was trying to decide if I wanted to use them because of the side effects. There are so many decisions to make and we really have to pray for guidance. "He is the Potter and we are the clay."

Two things I like to do are talk and eat, but my **tongue** is **swollen** and **sore**. So I have trouble with both things.

The Lord is in control and is molding me and making me what is best for me. It's good to know that He is in charge and I don't have to think about it. I have peace that passes all understanding,

Love in Christ,  
Pearl Shields

An excerpt from Pearl's obituary (**News and Advance June 17**) is a testimony to a life well lived. "At a young age, Pearl accepted God's free gift of Eternal Life by placing her faith in the death, burial,

and resurrection of God's only Son, Jesus Christ. She invested her life into faithfully serving her Lord, and she contagiously shared the joy of the Lord with everyone. Pearl was actively involved in Young at Heart, the senior adult ministry of Heritage Baptist Church. Her love for others and her steadfast example were motivated by her faith in the Lord as she encouraged and touched the lives of all who knew her. **Pearl** also **loved** her family and **her country**. **She proudly stood up for America by organizing "God and Country" rallies, where she called on others to remember our Godly heritage and to be involved in preserving our freedoms for generations to come."**

A stately lady, Pearl shared her photo for the **Doorkeeper Prayer Board**. Let's be sure to raise up and fill those shoes that she left. **America, as never before, needs Christians to stand up, not only on their knees, but in their lives.**



**IN TIMES LIKE THESE, DON'T  
FORGET GOD'S WORD!  
ISRAEL-- AT WIT'S END!  
"He sent His word and healed  
them" Psalm 107:20**

**ONE NATION UNDER GOD**





### Prayer changes things

Lord, what a change within us one short hour spent in Thy presence will avail to make!

What heavy burdens from our bosoms take! What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!

We kneel, and all around us seems to lower; we rise, and all the distant and the near stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear; We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong or others that we are not always strong, that we are sometimes overborne with care, that we should ever weak or heartless be, anxious or troubled, when with us in prayer, and joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

Richard Chenevix Trench

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### NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2281. More important than any commentary is the Word of God alone.

Note 2282. The Holy Spirit is the One who illuminates the Word.

Note 2283. Without the Word there is no life, growth, holiness, or acceptable service.

Note 2284. We should read, hear, study, memorize, and meditate on the Word.

Note 2285. We should apply the Word since obedience is the organ of spiritual knowledge.

### THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

### DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

May 22--June 22, 2015

Regular	43	\$4,570.00
Brazil	3	<u>150.00</u>
Total	46	\$4,720.00

## PRAYER CALENDAR

**JULY 2015**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

PROVERBS 1-4 (Greenland 57,714)

Mae Adams (NC)  
Marie Adams (VA)  
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)  
Norma Ailes (FL)  
H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

### THURSDAY, JULY 2

PROVERBS 5-9 (Grenada 109,378)

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

### FRIDAY, JULY 3

PROVERBS 10-13 (Guam 160,378)

Jean Beasley (TN)  
Tommy Bell (TN)  
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)  
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)  
Beverly Blankenship (TN)  
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

### SATURDAY, JULY 4

PROV 14-17 (Guatemala 14.4M)

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)

### SUNDAY, JULY 5

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
Arretta Bruce (TN)  
Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)  
Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
Don & Gayle Buchanan (NJ)  
George & Janet Buck (NJ)

### MONDAY, JULY 6

PROV 18-21 (Guernsey 65,605)

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)  
M/M Vernon Bundt (IA)  
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)

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

PROVERBS 22-24 (Guinea 11.2M)

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)  
Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)  
Dan Cravey (VA)  
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Proverbs 25-29 Gu-Bissau 1.7M)

Ida J. Davis (GA)  
John Davis (VA)  
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)  
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)  
Mary J. Dugans (LA)

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

Proverbs 30-31 (Guyana 739,903)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
Lynn Elkins (TN)  
Don & Mary Enoch (FL)  
Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)  
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)  
James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

Ecclesiastes 1-6 (Haiti 9.9M)

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

Ecclesiastes 7-12 (Holy Sea 839)

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

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

Linda Gregory (UT)  
Charles Hale (VA)  
George & Joy Harper (VA)  
Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)  
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)  
Jim Hengood (CT)  
Gina Henry (VA)  
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

### MONDAY, JULY 13

Song of Solomon (Honduras 8.8M)

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)  
Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)  
Anita Horton (VA)  
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)  
Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
Joyce Hunt (TN)

### TUESDAY, JULY 14

Isaiah 1-4 (Hong Kong 7.2M)

Ed Hurlow (IN)  
Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)  
Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)  
Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)  
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Isaiah 5-7 (Hungary 9.9M)

Millicent John (NY)  
Bob & Rhonda Johnson (OR)  
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
Gwen Johnson (AZ)  
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)  
Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)  
James Jones (FL)  
Paul Jones (KY)  
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
Mohan Katta (IL)

### THURSDAY, JULY 16

Isaiah 8-12 (Iceland 315,281)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)  
Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)  
Darren Hisel, Pastor  
Larry & Janet King (NC)  
Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)  
Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)

**FRIDAY, JULY 17****Isaiah 13-16 (India 1.2B)**Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
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)**SATURDAY, JULY 18****Isaiah 17-20 (Indonesia 251M)**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)  
Ed Lucas (VT)  
Rachel Mann (NC)  
Manship Chapel (DE)Bruce & Vickie Tribbett  
Wilma Marcum (KY)**SUNDAY, JULY 19**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)**MONDAY, JULY 20****Isaiah 21-23 (Iran 79.9M)**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)**TUESDAY, JULY 21****Isaiah 24-27 (Iraq 31/(M)**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)**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22****Isaiah 28-30 (Ireland 4.8M)**Ben Poplin (VA)  
Ayers Porter (TN)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (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)**THURSDAY, JULY 23****Isaiah 31-35 (Isle of Man 86,159)**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)**FRIDAY, JULY 24****Isaiah 36-39 (Israel 7.7M)**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)  
Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)**SATURDAY, JULY 25****Isaiah 40-43 (Italy 61.5M)**Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)**SUNDAY, JULY 26**Carol Snow Stewart (CT)  
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
Charles Stinson (VA)  
Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)  
William Suttles (NC)  
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)**MONDAY, JULY 27****Isaiah 44-48 (Jamaica 2.9M)**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)**TUESDAY, JULY 28****Isaiah 49-51 (Japan 127.3M)**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)**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29****Isaiah 52-57 (Jersey 95,732)**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)  
Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)  
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)**THURSDAY, JULY 30****Isaiah 58-62 (Jordan 127.3M)**Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
Rodger Watts (WI)  
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
Kay Wice (GA)  
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)**FRIDAY, JULY 31****Isaiah 63-66 (Kazakhstan 17.7M)**Jeff Williamson  
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
Eva Winebarger (VA)  
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK  
THE DAILY PRAYER LIST!**



## 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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### FOR GOOD HEALTH

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Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)  
Betsy Johnson [Rick] (TN)  
Lowry Miller [Marjorie] (VA)  
Katherine Morgan (VA)  
Isabel Robotham (NY)  
Fred Rolater [Jeannette] (TN)  
Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)  
Mary Skiles (KS)  
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

**Pray for safety and that  
the Word of the Lord will  
have free course.**

### INTERNATIONAL

[Representative]

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)  
Mulumba Placide Kituta (Burundi)  
Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)  
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)  
Roberto & Joana Waismam (Brazil)  
Silas Yashim (Nigeria)

**Four JGHM Board Members Enjoying  
Paula's Visit from Thailand where she  
serves as a SBC missionary (6-19-15)**



**L-R Sue Henry, Beverly Blankenship,  
Joyce Warpoole, Paula Tipton**



**Brazil: Dr. Henry fellowshiping with  
Viviane and her husband, Enzco, who  
was saved during the 2008 seminars.**



**Pastor Roberto--Brazil Coordinator  
May 8-23, 2015**

**Participants-1,525; churches-26;  
pastors-24; professions of faith-35;  
venues (full & mini-seminars)20.  
Miles traveled-8,838.**

## In Martin's Steps

As you know, there is limited space in any one edition of the **Reflector**. Many of you have heeded my request for prayers for guidance as to the content for which I remain grateful. It would not be difficult to fill each page of the **Reflector** focusing on the work that **Martin Shikuku, Eldoret, Kenya**, is doing. Not only does he have the world on his heart, he has a deep burden for East and Central Africa's people and a deep commitment to match his concern. His own local church, Glory Baptist Church, which he founded on the outskirts of Eldoret, a city in the beautiful Rift Valley (where the long distance runners that often come in first place in competitions around the world train).

For the past nine years, Martin has been a friend and a colleague. He is now the director of **JGHM-East/Central Africa Branch**. His wife is Anne. Martin and Anne have four children. The growth of Glory Baptist Church is a thrilling story. He and his leaders have patterned their work using the structure laid out in the prayer seminar ministry. Martin is a full-time pastor. He is a leader in the Baptist Convention of Kenya. He and Anne have founded a school and an institute for preachers. I know first hand that Martin "practices what he preaches." [As you read the section devoted to East/Central Africa in the recent President's Perspective \(Report 123, Meeting 126, June 19, 2015\) prepared for the JGHM Board of Directors, you will see why we are thrilled to having Martin leading our work in East/Central Africa:](#)

### "b. East/Central Africa.

Although we sometimes focus on **Kenya, Martin Shikuku** and his team are committed to the entire East/Central Africa region: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and South Sudan. Martin envisions **Lighthouses of Prayer** shining brightly to bring light and hope to the nations. Reading his detailed monthly reports is like reading Paul's reports of his missionary journeys in the Book of Acts. His personal commitment to his own spiritual life and his commitment to his pastorate shine out and attest to what God can do through a servant who answers His call.

"At the beginning of January 2015, a major concern was transportation. Due to problems with his van, he and his team resorted to public transportation for both the pastoral duties he has with Glory Baptist Church and the Baptist Convention of Kenya and the teaching duties of the prayer seminar ministry. Other needs at the onset of the new year including building a pastor's home (which church has voted to do) and adding three classrooms for the school, and expanding the children's orphanage. As he shared his thoughts at the beginning of the new year, he said: "We are for sure struggling and the need is high each year. The main thing before me is transportation. Carrying the workbooks with public means is indeed troubling. We are still prayerful and hopeful. Glory Baptist Church leadership have finally resolved to build for us a house in 2015 and to rest us from a rental house each month. Keep us in prayers on the same.

The Lord remains GOOD to all. He has led us throughout the year 2014 and we praise Him. The Lord is helping us in all. Pray for me that God will provide for I must have three classrooms built by Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, for the children in the orphanage to start learning. Pray for us for we do not know where to start."

"An example of what God is doing in his own local church in Eldoret (Glory Baptist Church) is captured in a February 2<sup>nd</sup> report of happenings on Sunday, February 1: "Yesterday was a good Sunday for me, though weary. I was busy from Friday with our monthly over-night prayer meeting followed by baptism of 14. Thirteen churches were represented, including nine pastors. Five people gave their lives to Jesus in Sunday morning services." **His church planted six new churches in 2014.**

"During the first quarter, there were seven prayer seminars. The goal for each seminar is 100. (1) **February 21** at Glory Baptist Church-Baharini, Pastor Ketus Wafula. 133 attended. 27 churches. 53 pastors. 9 professions. February 22 was the first anniversary of the church and Martin joined in the celebration. Martin shared: "We had a very wonderful moment at our one-year old church. It was a very active class throughout as the classes are when you are here teaching. They were very open to learning." (2) **February 28** at Glory Baptist Church-Moi Barracks. Pastor Patrick Luseneke. 103 attended. 42 churches. 31 pastors. 19 saved. (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) **March 24-29. Mombasa** (resort city on the Indian Ocean 560 miles from Eldoret; TRAVEL BY BUS SINCE

VAN IS NOT WORKING/sleep overnight on bus). **SEMINAR 1.** Mijomboni Baptist Church. Pastor Emmanuel Kazungu. 137 attendance. 32 pastors. 11 professions. **Seminar 2.** Shariani Community Church. Pastor James Shanzu. 74 trained. 7 saved. **Seminar 3.** Kibaoni Church. Pastor Wilson Charo. 59 trained. 11 pastors. 9 saved. **Seminar 4.** Christ the King of Host Church. Pastor John Vidide. 175 trained. 51 pastors. 19 saved. **Seminar 5.** Maximum Baptist Church. Pastor Robert Mangi. Record unavailable at time of writing. "Sunday: We are to finish at 3 p.m. and quickly move to catch a Mombasa to Eldoret bus at 4 pm sharp to be in Eldoret on Monday morning."

**The following is from Martin's recent ministry in Tanzania, Monday, June 8- Monday, June 15:**

#### **EVENING GREETINGS:**

Wednesday, June 17. I am in Psalms 74-76; tomorrow 77-79. It has all been a good start again from yesterday, Tuesday.

**REPORT:** We left Eldoret on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5am arriving at Sirari boarder at 11am. We crossed Kenya quickly only to find that power was off on the side of Tanzania thus becoming a very long delay of signing in our travel documents especially the van papers up to 4:30 in the evening which was too late and bad for me since I don't like at all driving in darkness. **I will also need to trust God to clear the van payment so that the van log-book can be transferred into my name.** For it being in the name of the company that imported the van for us, we were charged \$20.00, which was not at all in our budget, almost causing havoc since we had limited funds for this mission trip. We left at 5pm arriving Mwanza at 10pm(1000 kilometers). God is good that my Timothy, Pastor Martin Kiniali, had gone before us like last time when I went there here with you and so the arrangements to welcome us, truly

refreshed us so much. Took shower, ate supper then into bed at Pst Matrida's house. **Mosquitoes** were not good on us at all but thank God that we were to be up by 3:30 am, prepare and leave at 4am to the bus stage for a bus to Kigoma. The road is totally rural. I avoided driving our van, which turned out to be a very wise decision. At 5am, the bus left Mwanza, crossed Lake Victoria by the ferry at 5:30 and then on the road for twelve hours up to Kigoma town on the Lake Tanganyika at 5pm totally tired, sunny, hot and dusty (1120km). Our host Pastor Kakozi Ngolo was there at the bus stop for us. A total of 2120km.

We managed to conduct three Prayer Seminars instead of the five we had planned;

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Pwani Baptist Church. 197 trained, 73 pastors 17 Saved.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Kerewa Baptist Church- Murufit area. 77 trained, 11 pastors, 9 salvation (70 KM travelled).

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

At Kasulu Baptist Church- Murubona area. Host Pst. Aminer Bulomera. 112 trained, 51 pastors, 19 saved 50Km travelled

Same Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, we visited the refugee camp and shared the gifts of clothes our church had given on Sunday the 31st May. Anne enjoyed this so much to serve Burundians, Congolese and Rwandese in the camps from 4pm to 6pm. We slept at Kasulu where we left the following day on 13<sup>th</sup> **Saturday** very early after mission now back home. **This was the most difficult trip ever in my life.** We reported for the bus as scheduled at 6:30am only to wait for the bus to arrive at 8:30am. We left at 9am expecting to arrive Mwanza at 9pm only to arrive the following day on Sunday the 14th at 4am.

The bus had mechanical problems being repaired twice on the road. Quickly at Pst Madaha's house where we took a bedrest up to 9am then prepared for church service at 10am.

The following day on

**Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>,** it was now Mwanza to Eldoret and we were slow to leave. God is good that we reached the border, crossed at 5pm, and by 11:35 at night we were at home in Eldoret. Anne developed some colds and coughs but improving from today evening after medication. I have felt headaches and weak the whole of today and **remembered the mosquitoes** and I have began taking malaria dose this evening. Keep us in prayers. The refugees really need our prayers and assistance. Pray for them. It all reminded me of Kenya in 2007-2008. Thanks for standing with me to stand again.

Pastor Martin and Anne Shikuku



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