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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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A LASTING MEMORY FROM KENYA AND UGANDA - 2013

I AM BLESSED! As I bow before the God of the universe in thanksgiving, I want to rise up and cry aloud with King David, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily [not every now and then] loads [not a little, but a lot] us with benefits, the God of our salvation! . . . O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!" (**Psalms 68:19, 35**).

The last image burned into my mind from the incredible "sixteen seminars in sixteen days" launching JGHM East & Central Africa Branch is **Martin Shikuku's** closing remarks in Prayer Seminar #16. The place was Busia, a border crossing town on the Kenya-Uganda border. Sadly, border crossing sites are pretty much dens of iniquity where sin abounds. The Baptist church building is substantial and is on the main road leading to the border. The flow of the teaching was excellent with **Andrew Sukari** interpreting, assisted by **Martin**. Both men have mastered the prayer seminar content. When I assigned them sections to teach alone, they were thorough and clear as was **Paul**, who interpreted in Luganda (who translated the workbook into the official language of Uganda). Listening to the men revealed that the full teaching of the prayer seminar is in good hands. The flow was warm and exciting.

After the Word was sent forth, **Martin's** responsibility was to close. As he did in each seminar, he had the participants to hold their workbooks before them and focus on the Scripture on the front cover from **Isaiah 66:2b** God said, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day or night." He asked them to circle "O Jerusalem" and write

Loving Shepherd

THE BIBLE OFTEN compares us to sheep. The prophet Isaiah wrote: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way . . .". And Jesus compared the lost sinner to a sheep that had gone astray and had to be sought out by the shepherd.

What do we really have in common with a sheep? For one thing, sheep are notoriously guilty of playing follow the leader. Let one animal start to wander off and the whole flock will follow. But isn't this the way many people behave today? Like sheep, people follow the latest fads and fashions. Most people don't ask where the road is leading; they just follow the leader and stick with the crowd.

Sheep desperately need a shepherd. They cannot find their own pasture or water; they are unable to fight their enemies. The prophet Jeremiah must have had this in mind when he wrote: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

I wonder, who is your shepherd today? Are you trying to direct your steps? Is life confusing and complicated to you? Are you just wandering around, lost and afraid? Are you willing to admit that what Jeremiah says is true that you cannot direct your own steps and run your own life successfully?

You and I both need a shepherd, and that shepherd

the name of their town or city. Then everyone read the message from God in unison and the sound was beautiful and harmonious. Then Martin asked for commitments from individuals to be Lighthouses of Prayer. He noted that an individual can be a lighthouse. Two people could join, such as a husband and wife, to form a lighthouse. A church could be a lighthouse. Out of the 1,747 attending, hundreds made the commitment.

Indeed April 25 May 14 proved to be one of the most demanding venues we have ever attempted. There were sixteen seminars in sixteen days. We traveled 2,070 miles in a big ellipse that encompassed west Kenya and what could be termed central Uganda. Martin and Anne Shikuku, who are the directors for JGHM East & Central Africa Branch, were in Nairobi to pick me up at the airport at 9 p.m. on Friday. We slept a few hours in Nairobi and were on the road by 6 a.m. on Saturday. We drove three hours for the first prayer seminar. Other than a little sleep, we were in perpetual motion. After the 9 a.m.-4 p.m. seminar, we drove to the next venue (sometimes as much as three hours). In answer to your prayers, everything went like clockwork. 1,747 attended. There were 405 churches represented. 484 pastors registered. Fifty-one came to Christ. JGHM East and Central Africa Branch was officially launched on Sunday, April 28, at Glory Baptist Church in Eldoret. Once we crossed into Uganda, we changed from the Swahili translation to Luganda, our newest translation.

The prayer and financial support was outstanding. One hundred twelve contributed \$12,110. Major expenditures were petro for the van and food for the participants. In each

venue, the participants expressed gratitude for their workbooks and pens. Thank you. God bless you. The lasting memory is **Martin Shikuku** sending out a call for commitment and hundreds saying "yes!, I will!. Heaven surely rejoiced!"

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

is Jesus Christ. "I am the good shepherd," He says. "The good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep . . . My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." Can you say with David, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want?"

NOTE: This excerpt from a message by Dr. Warren Wiersbe has been in my archives for over forty years. From time to time, I have read it and have been reminded how much both Christian and non-Christian need to hear this simple message. During my days at Eastern Kentucky University, I was asked by the President to represent the institution at an annual meeting in Chicago. I made it a point to visit the mid-week service at The Moody Church, sponsor of the SONGS IN THE NIGHT radio program, where Dr. Wiersbe message was delivered certainly a memorable time in my spiritual life. I'm glad that I developed a habit to preserve articles and sayings that touched my life and am now able to share them with the **Reflector** readers. Be blessed.

Giant imprint

It is Saturday morning (May 4) in Kumi, Uganda. After completing Prayer Seminar # 7 in Mbale, Uganda's third largest city, we left at 4:30 p.m. for the next venue. Martin was in for a driving challenge. The condition of the road at best would be termed "horrific." The potholes equal or surpass those in Nigeria in 1988. "Defensive driver" here means staying out of the potholes which meant going from one side of the road to the other or making a quick, dead stop to ease across. But the rain came, surely equal to that one described in Ezra 10, which was my Bible reading this morning. It is the rainy season in East Africa. Buckets of water came down in torrents. There is no gravel on the road, only clay-like dirt that becomes treacherously slick with the water. One of the very large tractor-trailer was over on its side at one point. But through the grace of God we made it to a roadside motel. The rain let up to enable us to unpack our bags and get inside. Then the rain resumed. I slept like a log, lulled to sleep with the sound of rain on the roof and the windows. What should have been a one-hour drive was over three-hours. So goes the story of the day.

In assessing the impact of the seven seminars thus far, through the grace of God it is obvious that we are making a giant impact. Yesterday's seminar in Mbale was the largest yet. Our host was a delightful man of God who is the bishop for 105 churches scattered throughout the country. When we arrived, he was present to greet us and to get us settled. He looked at me and said, "You look just like my father. I will be your son!" So, we can add another "child" to our long list scattered around the world. He brought the pastors/leaders from this district. Martin remarked how the flow was the best yet, probably so.

Because we are dealing with the leadership, both here and in Kenya, I have been able to delve deeply into the "meat" of the Word. Some insights that I developed over the years and had stored away in my brain came to life in a vital way as the Holy Spirit anointed the teaching-learning period.

Not only are we calling forth believers to brighten their influence as Lighthouses of Prayer, we are putting in place a structure that will continue the prayer seminar ministry after we are gone. The work is hard, indeed. The energy expended in one six-hour prayer seminar is enormous. Coupled with the travel, I have said down through the years that the time in other countries is the hardest work during the whole year. But God is faithful. The sleep is curative. To go to sleep weary and to awaken refresh is God's gift and calls for Thanksgiving!

I know that my being away is not easy for you. I know you are along side me in your prayers and thoughts day by day, hour by hour, and moment by moment. Thank you for being a "perfect wife" and helpmate. Fifty-six years, in good times and bad times, you have been there. You, too, are making a giant imprint around the world and you are doing it every day through your communications and your prayer ventures from country to country. You are an example and exemplar of what it means to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. I miss you. Yes, I am "homesick" but know that this too shall pass!

Yesterday there were five professions of faith. During the invitation period, I ask those who were receiving Jesus into their hearts to raise their hands and then put them down. Several kept putting their hands up to be sure that my interpreter and I saw them. God is at work!

E-mail to Sue Henry
MAY 14, 2013

CHRISTIANITY IS BASED ON A BOOK

Christianity is based on a book. It centers in a Person. It expresses itself in a message. It authenticates itself in an experience.

That basic book is the Bible. That central Person is Jesus.

That expressive message is the Gospel. That authenticating experience is the new birth.

Think here about that basic book. Christianity stands or falls with the Bible. It is no use saying, as the liberalists or modernists do, that so long as we have Jesus we do not need an infallibly inspired Bible.

Nay, all that we know authentically about the Lord Jesus we owe, and shall keep on owing, to the Bible. To say that so long as we have Jesus we do not need the Bible is about equal to saying that so long as we have the sunshine we don't need the sun.

I have said it many a time, and am surer of it than ever, that the life and death issue of Christianity is the inspiration and authority of the Bible.

If the Bible is uniquely and inerrantly inspired, then we have certainty; we may know real truth about God, about man, about origins, about morals, about the race's future, and about human destiny on the other side of the grave. But if the Bible is not the uniquely and inerrantly inspired Word of God,

then (let us be blunt) we do not have certified truth about God, about man, about origins, about morals, about the race's future, or about human destiny in the hereafter; we are only groping.

If the Bible is provenly inspired by the divine Spirit, then Christian theology is truly a science, for by it we may truly "know". But if the Bible is anything less than provably inspired, then Christian theology instead of being "the queen of the sciences", is merely religious philosophy and human speculation.

**J. Sidlow Baxter (1903-1999,
Our Bible: The Most Critical
Issue)**

My Gifts Today

Please let these be my gifts today:

A smile to help one on his way

A hand to clasp a hand whose need

I see, and do a golden deed;

A hope that will with kindly cheer

Lift up some heart beset with fear.

A faith whose mighty staff and rod

May lift some soul to love of God.

A prayer to bring love's golden ray

These be my offering today.

Unknown

International

Tim/Merry Gregory (Taiwan)

Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)

Nuhu/Mercy Leo (Nigeria)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)

Enock/Patience Mulomba (Botswana)

Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Isias Rojas (Venezuela)

Andrew/Celestine Sakari (Kenya)

Wonsub/Young Mi Sheen (S Korea)

Martin/Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

Paula Tipton (Thailand)

Cliff/Marcia Vincent (Brazil)

Silas Yashim (Nigeria)

***JESUS
IS
LORD!***

A needed reminder

You and I will never meet a person whom God does not love. Therefore, whenever we see any man, we ought to see him through the eyes of Christ. The lost man is a man for whom Christ died, and the saved many is a man in whom Christ lives. We must accept and love both. There is a "royal law," so named because it rules over all other laws and fulfills them (**Romans 13:8-10; James 2:8**). We are to practice love toward everyone. Loving one another is the "royal law."

Conscience

Paul had much to say to young Timothy on the subject of the conscience. See **1 Timothy 1:5, 19; 3:9**. The goal of his exhortation was that Timothy might have a good conscience and thereby avoid the shipwreck of his faith (1:19). Timothy's greatest battles would come with those whose consciences had become seared and senseless (4:2).

"Conscience," said a native American, "is a three-pointed thing in my heart and turns around when I do something wrong, and the points hurt a lot. But if I keep doing bad, the points wear off, and then it doesn't hurt anymore." Well said.

What is on your conscience right now? What inner proddings of God are you feeling to right an old wrong, forgive an old grievance, or complete an overdue promise?

Take it from Timothy. There's no greater feeling of freedom than to face each day with a clear conscience.

**TODAY IS THE
TOMORROW
THAT YOU WORRIED
ABOUT YESTERDAY!**

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 2156. Those who walk with God will always reach their destination.

Note 2157. The Gospel is free, but someone must pay the freight bill.

Note 2158. Forgiveness is required for forgiveness.

Note 2159. There is one area in which a believer can follow the perfect will of God--in his giving.

Note 2160. "We need not fear great men

PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCY FOR AMERICA!

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

MARCH 30-MAY 23, 2013

Regular	49	\$4,345.00
East Africa	<u>85</u>	<u>9,534.00</u>
Total	134	\$13,879.00



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

WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS!
James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
Reg & Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

PRAYER CALENDAR

JUNE 2013

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalms 109:4b

DAILY INTERCESSION

Health issues

CARTER MYLAM BAYNES (NC)

BOB BOUCHARD (KY)

MARGARIE COFFEE (VA)

JIM CONNOLLY [KATHY] (VA)

LIN CUSTALOW [BARB] (VA)

MARGARET DAVIS [JOHN] (VA)

BRUCE HENRY [GINA] (VA)

DEANNA JONES [PAUL] (CT)

LOWRY MILLER [MARJORIE] (VA)

CAROLYN MINNEY [Roger] (VA)

ISABEL ROBOTHAM [DUD] (NY)

JEAN SMITH [JIM] (KY)

PASTOR BILL THOMASON (TN)

SAM SIMPSON [LOLA] (NY)

VIRGINIA WHITNER (FL)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

PS 1-6 (FRANCE 65.6M)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (FL)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Milcie Arnold (VA)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (OK)

Consuela Baker (NC)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Marilyn Barry (VA)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

MONDAY, JUNE 3

PS 7-12 (POLYNESIA 274,512)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

PS 13-18 (GARBON 1.6M)

Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Jim & Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

PS 19-24 (GAMBIA 1.8M)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN/China)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)

Joeretha Capers (FL)

Robert & Ann Carroll (VA)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

PS 25-30 (GAZA 1.7M)

David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonya Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Beverly Curtis (PA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

PS 31-36 (GEORGIA 4.6M)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Ivy Early (NC)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Fellowship In Baptist Church (FL)

William (Virginia) Green, Pastor

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

PS 37-44 (GER 81.3M)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

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)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

MONDAY, JUNE 10

PS 45-49 (GHANA 25.2M)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

James Hengoe (CT)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Ruth Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

PSALMS 50-54 (GIBRALTAR 29,080)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

PS 55-59 (KENYA 43M)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. Hutchins (LA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

PS 60-66 (GREECE 10.8M)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

James Jones (FL)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Jean Jonte (SC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

PS 67-72 (GRENLAND 57,695)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Robert & Rose Klous (VA)

Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Marl & Lois Knolls (DE)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

PS 73-77 (GRENADA 109,011)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)

Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)

Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)

Phil & Edra Landers (OK)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD)

Del & Mary Leach (VA)

Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)

Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell Jr., President

Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)

Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

Don & Betty Lowry (SC)

Rachel Mann (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Pastor Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

Wilma Marcum (KY)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

MONDAY, JUNE 17

PS 78-83 (GUAM 185,674)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

R. O. & June McHaney (VA)

Dor/Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Ch (VA)

Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

PS 84-89 (GUATEMA 14.1M)

Terry/ Sandra Metzgar (VA)

Betsy Miedema (MI)

Gwen Miller (VA)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)

French & Laura Moore (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Elaine Moser (MN)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

PS 90-97 (GUERNSEY 65,345)

Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Ann Palumbo (PA)

Roger & Kay Pede (VA)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Mildred Pittman (NC)

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

PS 98-103 (HATI 9.8M)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Ayers Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

Jeannette Ralph (VA)

Marjorie Randall (TX)

John Reed (NH)

Dave Ricker (ME)

Alice Riddick (NC)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

PSALMS 104-106 (VATICAN CITY 836)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

Sandra Rumore (VA)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

PS 107-110 (HONDURA 8.3M)

Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)

Gary & Sandy Schnittger (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (IL)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis/ Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Val Bapt Ch (VA)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Faye Skaggs (KY)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

MONDAY, JUNE 24

PS 111-118 (HONG KONG 7.2M)

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

Dr. Wm Stroman, Pastor

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

PS 119 (UGANDA 35.9M)

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

W. D & Jackie Thomason (TN)

Montez Thompson (CO)

William & Katie Toney (NC)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

PSALMS 120-127

(HUNGARY 10M)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

PSALMS 128-134 (ICELAND 313,183)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/(FL)

George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

Sam & Rita Vergese (NJ)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

PS 135-139 (INDIA 1.2B)

Keith/Doris Snyder-Verrrell (FL)

Walter & Patsy Ann Voss (DE)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau/Ashley Ware (VA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

PS 140-145 (INDONESIA 248.2M)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Frank & Nell Weer (KY)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Kay Wice (TN)

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

PS 146-150 (IRAN 78.9M)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Reg & Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

David & Lili Wykle (VA)

Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

An appointment

Hebrews 9:27 assures us of two things. First, that man will die, and secondly, judgment follows. This is an appointment that every person will keep. How wonderful to know that because of His full and complete work for us, the fear of death is gone. Note, too, that after death there is not an intermediate state of purgatory; there is no second chance! Let every reader ask himself whether or not he/she knows the Lord and has the assurance of salvation.

A daily appointment with the Lord

The beginning point for a “Quiet Hour” is simple. Make up your mind to make an appointment with the Lord and then keep the appointment. Prepare for your “Quiet Hour” by simply “stilling” yourself as God instructed in **Psalms 46:10**. If you want your “strength renewed” for the new day, “wait” upon Him (**Isaiah 40:31**). If you want Him to “draw near” to you, you must take the initiative to “draw near” to Him (**James 4:8**). Before you read your Bible and before you pray, prepare your mind until you realize fully that this will be the most important thing you will do today.

God reveals Himself in His Word. Once you perceive Him, you will be ready to talk to Him. Prayer includes listening and talking. “Prayer is not preparation for the greatest work; prayer is the greatest work. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work but prayer is strengthened through the Word of God. Satan does not want you to pray and “trembles when he sees the weakest Christian in prayer.” Satan will fight each of us on that front, knowing that if he can gain the victory there, the battle is essentially his.

Maintain the “Holy Hour.” Let nothing keep you from your daily appointment with the Lord. You will be blessed and strengthened spiritually by the difference that time with Him will make.

Awaiting the Father’s timing

David had never asserted his right to the throne. Neither did he do so [when opportunities arose that brought Saul into his hands). Rather, he chose to leave the matter in the hands of the Lord. If Jehovah had anointed him king, Jehovah would subdue his enemies and bring him into the possession of his kingdom. The Lord Jesus similarly awaits the Father’s timing to reign over the entire globe. His dominion is recognized only by a minority of mankind now. But there is an appointed day in which every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (**Philippians 2:10-11**).

William MacDonald

Value of review

When most of you read our thoughts, you are likely to find ground previously traveled. No problem; the truths that are emphasized are those that stand repeating over and over.

In times of prosperity, it is easy to forget the true source of blessing and even assume that life’s good things are the result of our own effort and the reward of our merit.

Trouble has come for Nigeria's Christians

On Sunday, November 3, 2002, Sue and I were in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria. My assignment was to bring the message for the morning worship service at the ECWA Headquarters Church. The church was packed; a spirit of excitement and expectation was in the air. For many years, God's people throughout the nation had been taught the purpose and power of prayer using our prayer seminar materials. The prayer seminar ministry was legendary with many of the current leaders of the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) alumni of the 1988 prayer seminars conducted at the ECWA seminars and Bible colleges. In venue after venue across Nigeria (October 29 November 19), we were welcomed home. As far as we can determine, none of the fifty-eight nations where we have shared has been touched at the level that Nigeria has. Over 13,000 attended the 2002 prayer seminars. The goal was for each church to be a praying church and thousands had established prayer ministries.



The Ladies Choir in Jos

That morning launched the beginning of a week of prayer. The theme was "Endure Hardness" **2 Timothy 2:3**. The Ladies Choir sang John Peterson's blessed message, "It's not an easy Road we are traveling to Heaven, For many are the thorns on the way. It's not an easy road but the Savior is with us; His presence gives us joy every day ... It's not an easy road, there are trials and troubles, And many are the dangers we meet; But Jesus guards and keeps so that nothing can harm us, And smooth the rugged path for our feet ... Tho' I am often footsore and weary from travel, Tho' I am often bowed down with care; A better day is coming when Home in the glory, we'll rest in perfect peace over there." The Holy Spirit moved mightily on that

Sunday in Nigeria.

But trouble has come to our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. My heart is broken. The publicly reported casualties in Nigeria in 2012 were greater than the Christian casualties of Pakistan, Syria, Kenya, and Egypt combined. In fact, Nigeria alone accounted for almost 70 percent of Christians killed globally. This makes Nigeria the most lethal country for Christians by a huge margin.

Attention has been placed on the Jihadist terror group Boko Haram, which has become increasingly violent toward Christians. However, two of the three most violent incidents March 7, 2010 massacre in Jos, the April 16, 2011 pogrom in the country's Sharia (Islamic law) states, and the January



The People Came by the Thousands

Cultivate

Get to know the Holy Spirit. Welcome Him in your life daily. When you read Scripture, ask Him to give you insight and understanding so that you will become grounded in the Word, able to discern between what is true and what is false. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you to pray, to worship, and to love the Lord Jesus Christ more deeply. Remember, the Spirit comes to reveal Jesus to us.

Thankful for the Gospel

When I think that God His Son
not sparing, Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in; that on
the Cross my burden gladly
bearing, He bled and died to
take away my sins.

Who is a Christian? A Christian is a person who has heard the Gospel--the Good News of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins, believes it, and has trusted (exercised faith) Jesus as his personal Savior.. Paul speaks of these elements of the Gospel in **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**. The moment that one accepts Jesus through faith, his spirit that was dead to God comes alive. The Holy Spirit lives in him.

20, 2012 onslaught in Kano were not the work of terrorists but of average northern Nigerian Muslims.

In what was termed the "freest and fairest" elections in Nigeria's recent history, Goodluck Jonathan was elected president in April 2011. Before his victory was announced, violence erupted in the twelve northern sharia states. The final toll for the Christian community was staggering. In a 48-hour period, 764 church buildings were burned, 204 Christians were confirmed killed, more than 3,100 Christian-operated businesses, schools, and shops were burned, and more than 3,400 Christian homes were destroyed. Thousands of Muslim youths in the 12 states gathered together with machetes, knives, matches and gasoline and carried out this pogrom. The "freest and fairest" elections resulted in some of the "fiercest and most ferocious" violence against innocent Christians that Nigeria has seen.

As I pray for Nigeria, I hear the ladies singing: "No, no, it's not an easy road; no, no, it's not an easy road, But Jesus walks walks with me and brightens my journey, And lightens every heavy load." Please don't forget the Christians in Nigeria.



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