

# HOLY GROUND

[from the heart of a simple laywoman] Paula Nichols Hutchins 4 August 1941-12 May 2007

A few months ago during my daily quiet time with God, I was thunderstruck by the passage in **Exodus 3** where God was talking with Moses. "Take off your shoes, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." I think when Moses removed his shoes he was demonstrating his reverence and humility toward God. As I continued to read, I was overwhelmed by the awareness that where God dwells there is holy ground. And that burning bush Moses went to see was on fire, but it did not burn up. I felt as though God was speaking to me. As these exciting thoughts raced through my mind, adrenalin rushed through my blood stream. Since God's Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of believers, I came to the conclusion that God was telling me. "Humble your heart, Paula, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

We know that we, as believers, are commanded to be holy because God is holy. Questions flooded my mind. Am I "on fire" for the Lord? Does my testimony, my life, burn brightly for my Lord? Ever burning, still brighter, yet never burned up? As I continued, I thought, "I must re-think this concept of holy ground as a place where God, Himself, dwells."

As I stopped to refill my coffee cup, the gears in my mind continued to spin. I am one with Christ, crucified with Christ, positionally "in Christ," and He is "in me." Therefore, wherever I am, I am standing on holy ground! WOW! What a wonderful, glorious privilege, but what an enormous responsibility!

The awesomeness of the great **I AM**, the **Jehovah** of the Old Testament, is

## `A simple laywoman"

Paula Nichols Hutchins, the one who identified herself as "a simple laywoman," became a strong supporter of the prayer seminar ministry after attending a seminar in Alabama and later one in the local church in Bailey Mississippi, where her husband Dr. H. J. Hutchins, served as pastor. As our friendship deepened, she began to share some of her literary works with me. I soon discovered she had an unusual grasp on spiritual truths and that she had great skill in communicating them on paper. I was delighted to use them in the monthly Doorkeeper Report and in the **Reflector** 

Paula's health was not good, so we often prayed together for healing. When God called her home on May 12, 2007, to lay aside her body to join that "great cloud of witnesses" around the throne in Heaven, my thought was "earth's loss and Heaven's gain."

As a guest in the Hutchins home, I can visualize Paula standing and kneeling on holy ground. What a beautiful visual of "a simple laywoman" who loved the Lord Jesus Christ and served Him gladly during her sojourn on earth. I encourage each reader to dedicate quality time to her article. Take time to study her message and translate it into your own daily time with the Lord.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

not diminished by the New Covenant of the believer's union with Christ. God does not change; He is still as awesome, as holy, as terrifying, as powerful, and as loving as He ever was. But now, He has revealed Himself in Christ Jesus. And so, as God the Father chose the virgin Mary's womb to place His Son, the Christ-child, so He has chosen you and me, as believers in Christ, to place His Holy Spirit. Literally, GOD DWELLS IN US! Now I have "known" this for years, but somehow the glorious impact of His truth had evaded me. It seems to me our God is telling us to take off our shoes, Christians, for the place we are standing is holy ground!

Just as God heard and saw the Israelities' suffering in Egypt, God has always seen the misery of His people. He has heard you and me crying out for spiritual and national revival, for mental acuity, for physical healing, and for emotional wholeness. God is concerned about our suffering, so He has come down to rescue us. In front of the burning bush, God told Moses, "So now, go, I am sending you to bring My people out of Egypt." But Moses said, "Who am I, that I should go? They won't listen to me!" Moses was not yet the great leader God would make of him; he tended smelly sheep on the backside of the desert. They would listen to people like Billy Graham or Chuck Swindoll. But me, Paula, holy? Who am I that I should go? They won't listen to me." But Jehovah God still commands us to go wherever the need is.

I am amazed as I have come to realize that I <u>am</u>holy—as holy as the ground upon which Moses was standing. That ground was not holy in and of itself. It had not "done" anything to be holy. It was holy because Jehovah God was there; God's presence made it holy. Just like that ground upon which Moses stood, you and I are holy because Jehovah God is within us making us holy.

God has given to believers in Christ credentials, if you will the very righteousness of Jesus Christ. This is what makes us holy, the imputed righteousness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is the basis of our relationship with God. And because He gave us Christ's righteousness, He also justified us, wiped our sins clean, redeemed us, restored our relationship. And by propitiation, Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice turned Father God's wrath on sin away from us, where it rightly belonged, to put all of His wrath, indignation, and punishment for our sins on Jesus, the one perfect, sinless. Lamb of God. And, as if that weren't more than enough. He also gave us the Holy Spirit Himself, to dwell within us, and that is our holy around!

It is true that when we disobey God, we sin and get out of fellowship with Him. Then, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, we must (ASAP) confess our sins or sins (1 John 1:9), to be restored to fellowship with God,

Friend, I don't know about you, but I never put it together quite like this, never realized or grasped the incredible fact that the ground where I am standing is holy ground because the God of Holiness is dwelling in me! This amazing truth puts a whole new perspective on my outlook and on the "ground" I cover: where I go, with whom I go, and what I do. Even more important is the attitude of my heart, for God looks on the heart. If the motive of our hearts is to fellowship with God and to glorify Him above all else, we <u>experience</u> the delights of His love. The best keeps on getting better!

Just as God took a shepherd tending those smelly sheep on the backside of the desert, so God wants to take you and me and send us to set His people free by telling them the delights of His amazing grace.

"Oh, my dear, sweet Lord, send

a revival to us, personally, and to our nation as well, and let it begin with me!" This is not just my prayer, but the prayer of all God's people standing on holy ground.

"Therefore put on the armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand" **Ephesians 6:13NIV**.

> Bailey, Mississippi May 1999

### Answered Prayer at Quiet Time Paula Nichols Hutchins

[A poem based on **Jeremiah 29:11-13**, a passage of Scripture I was reading August 25, 1998, as well as an encouraging note from a friend.]

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."

In my quiet time today I was blessed from above; God gave me His promise filled with His infinite love, My heart had been heavy, burdened with sadness and care; And yes, I was weary, but I sensed His Spirit was there.

Then my heart filled with hope as I continued to read Of the plans that God had for meeting my every need. He said He would prosper me and give me a future too, If only I would call on Him in all that I would do.

"Seek Me. You will find Me when you seek with all your heart, Come now and trust Me for that peace that I alone impart." God's peace and understanding have overshadowed me from above; O how my heart rejoices as I seek in His infinite love.

> O yes! How I love Him, my Savior and my King; O let my praises now and forever more ring: To God be the glory forever I will sing; To God be the glory, my Savior and my King! Bailey,

Bailey, Mississippi August 25, 1998

# "PROTECT US BY THY MIGHT"

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember... the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7)

Some call it a "cultural war." Have you considered the marches and protest movements that have prevailed since the Inauguration of the 45<sup>th</sup> President on January 20, 2017? Actually, there were "protests" surrounding the events of that day. Lawlessness! Then the next day there was the "women's march" highly lauded in the mainline press. Don't overlook the "causes" espoused by the marchers. Shameful language was used that would never have been accepted in most of the 244-year history of America. During it all, **Tim Kaine**, the junior Senator of the Commonwealth of Virginia, concluded his statement of support by exhorting: "take to the streets" and that is what we are seeing! Disappointing! It is time to pray as never before following 1 John 2:1-4. I see no other hope for a quiet and peaceful life. Do you?

Some are saying in defense of the behavior we are seeing "the eyes of the world are upon you so you better not resist." We need to remember, however, that the eyes of the LORD are upon us. If you listen to the arguments of the marchers you will see the lines drawn between those words and what God says. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil." This is exactly what the protestors are doing. The protests are against the very things the LORD calls abominations, acts being justified under the title of "civil rights." PAY DAY IS COMING!

Alexis de Tocqueville's warning has come to pass. "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commondious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests, and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning, and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

In other words, we must not trust in our superior armaments, material wealth, or intellectual progress. Many great nations have had all these and gone down to defeat. Our faith, our hope must be in God, for "safety is from the Lord" (**Proverbs 27:31**),

America must once again acknowledge her dependence upon God if she is to retain her independence in a world where true freedom is becoming a lost commodity. May we say with the Psalmist, "We will remember the Lord our God!"

"Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King." Samuel Francis Smith

"The Bible is the rock on which our Republic rests!" Andrew Jackson, 7<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

# THINKING ABOUT HOME

Although I enjoy relatively good health, I find myself thinking more about home and the experience of "passing." Most of my library is now in the Hogue Library at Norteastern Baptist College, Bennington, Vermont, but I have kept books on death, dying, and Heaven. As I peruse these, I will share with our readers thoughts derived from others.

The death of John Wesley, one of my heroes and the founder of Methodism, occurred in his room on City Road, London, England, where Sue and I have visited many times.

The end was very beautiful. No pain, only a growing sense of weariness, and a tranquil acceptance of the inevitable. He slept much and spoke little, but sometimes the dying flame flickered up, and the inner light that had changed the face of England growed with intensity. One afternoon before he died, he surprised his friends by bursting into a song that I am including on page 9.

Wesley sang two stanzas and then sank back exhausted. Later in the day, when weakness overcame him, by a supreme effort he marshaled his ebbing strength and gave the message that was to become the watchword of Methodism, "The best of all, God is with us." He entered into the joys of the Lord on Wednesday, March 2, 1791. Home at last!

### REFLECTOR

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# NOTES from my BIBLE

Notes from Dwight Lyman Moody Feb 5, 1837-Dec 22, 1899 Occupation: Evangelist



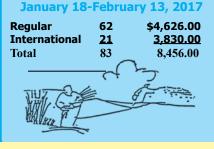
Note 3081. Real faith is man's weakness leaning on God's strength.

Note 3082. Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible; the other 99 will read the Christian.

Note 3083. God does not expect the impossible from us; He wants us to expect the impossible from Him. Note 3084. I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught His disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.

Note 3085. Some people think God does not like to be troubled by our constant coming and asking, but the way to trouble God is not to come.

### **DOORKEEPER REPORT** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2



WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS! Linda Beard (MD) Robert & Janice DeLong (VA) Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

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## PRAYER CALENDAR

**MARCH 2017** "I will give myself to prayer ... " Psalm 109:4b

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

JOSH 1-3 (Antigua 92,436) Larry & Sandra Abe (VA) Mae Adams (NC) Robert & Susanne Adams (TN) Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA) Norma Ailes (NJ) Allie Allen (LA) H. L. & Janie Allen (SC) David /Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

JOSH 4-7 (Argentina 43.4M)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC) Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC) Leonor Avila (MD) Bill & Karen Baker (OK) Mike & Joyce Baker (VA) Tim Bash - GCCC (NJ) Stan & Emily Baskin (TN) FRIDAY, MARCH 3

JOSH 8-10 (Armenia 3M) Linda Beard (MD) Jean Beasley (TN) Tommy Bell (TN) Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN) Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL) Beulah Baptist Church (VA) Dennis Hollandsworth,Pastor Beverly Blankenship (TN) Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

JOSH 11-15 (Aruba112,162)

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD) William/Debbie Bowden (MD) David & Marna Boyd (OR) Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ) Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA) Kim Bradshaw (VA) Lurline Braud (VA) Michal Breed (WI) Nancy Bretz (PA) Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

#### SUNDAY, DAY, MARCH 5

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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 6

JOSHUA 16-20 (Australia 22;5M) Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL) Eileen Camarena (MD) Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID) Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL) Joeretha Capers (FL) Robin & Teresa Carlson (MD) Robert & Anne Carroll (VA) TUESDAY, MARCH 7

### JOSHUA 21-24 (Austria 8.7M)

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA) Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA) Mary Columbus (VA) Kathie Connolly (VA) Larry & Sue Cooper (DE) Terry & Sonja Craig (TN) Jerry & Joan Crain (SC) Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC) Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC) Barbara Custalow (VA)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

JUDGES 1-4 (Azerbaijan 9.8M)

John Davis (VA) Harold & Tama Decker (NY) Robert & Janice DeLong (VA) Thomas Dewindt (WI) Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

JUDGES 5-8 (Bahamas 324,597) Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA) Lynn Elkins (TN) Jeff & Leann Englert (KY) Don & Mary Enoch (FL) Eric & Mary Farel (VA) Gene & Shirley Farley (CA) Larry & Cara Fields (VA) John & Susan Finnessy (MD) James & Ruth Flanagan (GA) Nancy Fowser (MD)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

JUDGES 9-12 (Bahrain 1.3M) Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE) Freedom Through Faith (MD) Robert Triboeau, Pastor Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA) James Fugate (CA) Travis & Émilee Fulcher (VA) Estelle Gabbard (KY) John & Kim Gaines (DE) Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA) Pauline Garrett (NJ) Ron & Kay Gavette (VA) Frank Geiger (HI) Sara George (GA) Gethsemani Evang CTR (MD) Robert & Ann Lara, Pastors

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

JUD 13-16 (Bangladesh 169M) Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor Ron & Carol Godwin (VA) Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK) Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ) Velma Graven (KY) Dale & Mary Gray (IL) Odether Gray (GA)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Linda Gregory (UT) Charles Hale (VA) Mike Hall (PA) Hazel Hartless (VA) Joy Harper (VA) Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN) Sadie Harris (VA) Jim Hengoed (CT) Gina Henry (VA) J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA) Jack Henry (TN) James & Kathryn Henry (MS) Mark Henry (TN) Melody Henry (VA) Roger & Sara Henry (OH) Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

JUD 17-21 (Barbados 290,604

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN) Ed & Donna Hindson (VA) Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA) Jeff Hodge (VA) Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA) Joanna Holland (VA) John & Glenda Holland (VA) Anita Horton (VA) Mike & Sonva Hosick (TN) Coy Hunsucker (NC) Joyce Hunt (TN)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

#### RUTH 1-4 (Belarus 9.6M)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA) Ed Hurlow (IN) Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD) Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA) Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR) Vernelle Jenkins (MD) Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN) William/Marsha Jester (DE) Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

#### 1 SAM 1-3 (Argentina 43.4M)

Millicent John (NY) Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY) Gwen Johnson (AZ) Jim & Penny Johnson (KY) Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN) Ben & Gwen Jones \*MD) Dave & Debbie Jones (VA) James Jones (FL) Paul Jones (KY) W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

#### Mohan Katta (IL) <u>THURSDAY, MARCH 16</u>

1 SAMUEL 4-8 (Argentina 43.4M) Suzie Kauffmann (GA) Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA) Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY) Daren Hisel, Pastor Larry & Janet King (NC) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN) Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

1 SAMUEL 9-12 (Argentina 43.4M) Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI) Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA) Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Phil & Edra Landers (OK) Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI) Del & Mary Leach (VA) Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT) SATURDAY, MARCH 18

#### 1 SAM 13-15 (Argentina 43.4M)

Liberty University (VA) Jerry Falwell Jr., President Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Don & Betty Lowry (SC) Rachel Mann (NC) Manship Chapel (DE) Bruce & Vickie Tribbett Wilma Marcum (KY)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 20

SAM 16-19 (Argentina 43.4M)
Betsy Miedema (MI)
Marjorie Miller (VA)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (VA)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 21</u>
SAM 20-23 (Argentina 43.4M)
Elaine Moser (MN)

NE Baptist College (VT) Mark Ballard, President Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI) Peter Dorn, Pastor Bob & Diane Nichols (VA) Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA) Ann Palumbo (PA) Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA) Roger & Kay Pede (VA) Sandy Pederson (MN) Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

1 SAM 24-26(Argentina43.4M) Barbara Powell (NY) Eldon & Barbara Powell (VA) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA) Marjorie Randall (TX) Dave Ricker (ME)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

1 SAM 27-31 (Argentina 43.4M) Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA) Cynthia Roach (VA) John & Sandra Roberts (NC) Bo & Betty Robinson (MS) Isabel Robotham (NY) James & Shelly Rode (FL) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) Fred Rolater (TN) Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) John Saint (PA) Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

2 SAMUEL 1-4 (Brazil 206.4M) 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) Ray Shields (VA) Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

2 SAM 5-7 (Brazil; 206.4M) Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA) St. Paul Baptist Church (IN) C. L. Adams, Pastor. Helen Sourlis (MD) Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN) Tim & Pam Steger (ID) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Charles Stinson (VA) Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX) William Suttles (NC) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX) Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA) Stephanie Taylor (GA) Mona Henry Thomas (VA) W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN) Montez Thompson (WI) Cathy Tilton (VA) William & Katie Toney (NC)

### MONDAY MARCH 27

2 SAM 8-10 (Brazil 206.4M) Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY) Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) Joe & Benita Troutman (KY) Malcom Troutman (KY) Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

### TUESDAY MARCH 28

2 SAM 11-14 (Brazil 206.4M) Terri & Debra Turbin (MD) Frances Turpin (VA) Sara Underwood (TN) Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) Mary Ann Voss (DE) Horace & Becky Ward (NC) Michael/Sandra Ward (IN) Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

2 SAM 15-18 (Brazil 206.4M) Kay Warmerdam (TX) Joyce Warpoole (TN) Rodger Watts (WI) Naomi Webb (NJ) Frank & Nell Weer (KY) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) Earnest & Gloria Wiant (VA) Kay Wice (GA) Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

#### THURSDAY MARCH 30

2 SAM 19-20 (Brazil 206.4M) Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA) Jeff Williamson (FL) Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Eva Winebarger (VA) FRIDAY MARCH 31

#### 2 SAM 21-24 (Brazil 206.4M)

Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) David & Lili Wykle (VA) Yeshua Ministries Frank Bell, President Betty Yudes (WI) Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

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HEALTH

The past should not hinder our future; forgiveness makes the divide.

Doorkeeper Walt Sommers Forest, Virginia

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John Wesley's Last Song See "Thinking About Home" p 6

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath, And when my voice is lost in death Praise shall employ my nobler powers; My days of praise shall ne'er be past, While life and thought and being last, Or immorality endures.

Happy the man whose hopes rely On Israel's God! He made the sky, And earth and seas, with all their train; His truth for ever stands secure; He saves the oppressed, He feeds the poor,

And none shall find His promise vain.

### Standing on Shore

How beautiful to be with God! When earth is fading like a dream, And from this mist-circled shore, We launch upon the unknown stream.

No doubt, no fear, no anxious care, But comforted by staff and rod. In the faith-brightened hour of death, How beautiful to be with God!

I will not fear to launch my bark Upon the darkly rolling flood, 'Tis but to pierce the mist--and then, How beautiful to be with God.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15 'To be absent from the body is to be

present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

# THE LATIN AMERICA STORY

MY FIRST FORAY into Latin America came in January 1960. It was at that time that I fell in love with the Latin people living in the Western Hemisphere. The venue was an evangelistic crusade in Placetas, Cuba, located in the Santa Clara Province in beautiful central Cuba. Seventy were saved. Fifty years later, in 2010, Adam Nathanson (our friend and colleague who now serves as Portuguese/Spanish interpreter and is a missionary in Venezuela) and I were at First Baptist Church, Placetas, and found nine of the seventy in attendance. God is good!

In July 1992, I returned to Latin America, with Sue, to conduct prayer seminars in Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Mexico. Since then, there have been prayer seminars in South America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Other Caribbean nations include the Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad/Tobago. Of the nations in Latin America, most attention has centered on Venezuela. In the ten trips to that nation, we have been in most sections of the nation, mobilizing believers to become Lighthouses of Prayer. In Latin America, thousands have been taught the purpose and power of prayer. Thousands have trusted Christ as their Savior. The harvest has been tremendous as the Word of God has gone forth



### PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL March 17-24

FOUNDED: in 1742 by immigrants from the Azores. In the late 19th century the city received many immigrants from other parts of the world. The vast majority of the population is of European descent. Porto Alegre has a long coastline on the Guaíba Lake, and its topography is punctuated by 40 hills. Porto Alegre is home to 4,200,00 of the living in 206.4 million in Brazil.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA March 24-31

# ROPEHOLDERS NEEDED.

# **TOUCHING THE NATIONS**

You and I will never meet a person God does not love. That's a fact. The current world population is reported to be 7.4 billion. The Scripture tells us, "God so loved [the people of] the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Look at the Cross and see the proof of His love for us: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were vet sinners Christ, died for us (Romans 5:8). After we become a Christian, we are given our assignment: "We are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20). We are to represent the Lord Jesus Christ wherever and whenever there are unsaved people.

Yes, God loves each person and has demonstrated His love by aiving His Son to die for his/ her sins. Close to 250 million live in two South American nations: Argentina has 47,417,000 and Brazil has 206,441,000. Sue, Adam Nathanson, and I know first-hand that people in these two nations are auite receptive to the Word of God. Our Book of Memories has a section that reaches back to prayer seminars in Argentina (Spanish praver seminar workbooks) and Brazil (Portuguese praver seminar workbooks. We have JGHM: Brazilian Branch, under the able leadership of Roberto & Joana Waisman, committed to mobilizing Lighthouses of Prayer throughout Brazil.

March 17-23 we will be in Porto Alege, Brazil where we have never been. March 24-30 we will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Luciana Bogarra is the coordinator, assisted by his daughter, Antonela. EXCITING UPDATES WILL BE REPORTED IN THE APRIL REFLECTOR FROM CUBA, KENYA, VENEZUELA, ARGEN-TINA, BRAZIL, PAKISTAN, AND NIGERIA. THANKS, ROPEHOLDERS! THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE!

The budget is \$6,000. This will cover international travel for Adam (from Caracas, Venezuela), and me, as well as our domestic travel. It includes both Spanish and Portuguese prayer seminar workbooks and pens. It includes lodging/food for the team and a light snack for the participants. We need financial help, but beyond that we need prayer support. We are praying for one-hundred Ropeholders for these days in South America. As of Monday, February 13, 21 have given \$3,830. Our goal is 100 gifts.

Pray for traveling safety during the March 15-April 2 period that we will be on the road. Sue and I will drive to Murfreesboro, TN for the quarterly board meeting on Thursday, March 16, and I will fly out of Nashville that evening. Sue will be in Middle Tennessee and her Kentucky home during this time. Pray for both of us.

## WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Seek the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:29). Serve the Lord (Deut. 10:12). Love the Lord (Deut; 13:3). Obey the Lord (Deut 30:2). Turn to the Lord (Deut. 30:10). Walk before the Lord (1 Kings 2:4). Follow the Lord (1 Kings 14:8). Praise the Lord (Psalm 86:12). Trust the Lord (Proverbs 3:5). WALK WITH THE KING! For nineteen years, Sue Bell was my administrative assistant, secretary, bookkeeper, office manager and above all, my friend. Not only was she efficient in performing her duties, she was an encourager and full of wise counsel. She was a prayer warrior who structured her life around the Word of God. Through her words and deeds, she lived her faith. The success of the Transnational Association of College and Schools (TRACS) and the prayer seminar ministry can be attributed to Sue Bell.

To express her love and support, Sue sent cards with a special note throughout the year. I have kept many of them. In her memory and as a reminder to all of us who are still on the road journeying toward Heaven, I am sharing one of Sue's cards on the front page of the **Reflector**.

Nearly every Christian can repeat **Psalm 23**, one of the three "Shepherd Psalms," from memory, but not everyone from the heart. There are many ways to meditate upon this passage: perfect satisfaction (v 1); rest, quietness (v 2); restoration, guidance (v 3); consecration, joy (V 5); with me the Lord; beneath me green pastures; beside me still waters; before me a table; around me mine enemies; after me goodness and mercy; ahead of me happy eternity. Another meditation guide could be: Happy life, (V 1); Happy death (v 4); Happy eternity (v 6).

**Psalm 22** reveals the **Good Shepherd** who lays down His life for His sheep. **Psalm 23** unfolds the **Great Shepherd**. **Psalm 24** highlights the **Chief Shepherd**. In the New Testament, one of my favorite verses is full of encouragement. Speaking of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, we are reminded in **John 10** that it is the Lord Jesus Himself who is the **True Shepherd** who knows His sheep by name!





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MORNING BY MORNING HE AWAKENS ME AND GIVES ME UNDERSTANDING OF HIS WILL. ISAIAH 50:4 REMINDER: PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!