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2007 international schedule set

The 2007 international schedule has been set: **Venezuela** (April 2-16); **Ecuador/Peru** (May 30-June 15); **Myanmar** (August 16-September 1); **South Africa/Kenya/Congo** (November 8-30). Knowing that advancing age is likely to curtail the overseas seminars, I want to take advantage of the good health that God is providing to do as much as possible in nations where believers have little opportunity to receive systematic instruction. Three are new nations: Ecuador, Myanmar, and Congo, which is always thrilling.

When we accepted the first overseas invitation and projected a budget, it was obvious that there is no way that Sue and I can do this work alone. The Lord has faithfully provided partners to provide the necessary prayer and financial covering.

The 2007 theme is based on Jeremiah's mandate to Baruch: "I cannot go . . . You go" (**Jeremiah 36:5a-6**). Many of you would like to go but circumstances prevent your going. You can go, however, vicariously, through the prayer seminar ministry through your giving, praying, and encouraging.

Someone said that God and a man must combine resources to do His work. God, Himself, brings infinite resources and places them at the disposal of a man with whom He walks. Man places all his resources in the hands of the God who walks with him. The work is two ways man making his effort with God's help and God making His effort with man's help. I look forward to 2007, both at home and abroad, confident that the best is yet to come as we continue to be obedient to His call moving forth with complete dependence upon Him.

"I cannot go . . . You GO!"



The morning hour

The morning hour can be the best part of the day. Jesus used it for prayer. "And in the morning rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (**Mark 1:35**).

One would think that He did not need prayer. But here is the record. Long before dawn he withdrew to be alone with His Father in prayer.

How great then is our need of prayer. Martin Luther, during his tremendous schedule of preaching, writing, and contending for the truth, said, "I cannot get on without three hours of prayer every day."

What would that do for us?

Seymour Van Dykes

NEEDED!
ONE HUNDRED FAMILIES TO GO WITH US
TO VENEZUELA APRIL 2--16 THROUGH
PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Perspective

“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath; their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.”

Ezekiel 22:30-31

There are many facets of intercession. In this study, the theme is praying for the lost. Although the whole idea of intercession is a mystery that can never be answered completely, it is God's will that He operates in answer to prayer. Prayer enables God to do things He would otherwise not do. Prayer is not a means to get man's will done in Heaven; rather, prayer is God's ordained means for getting God's will done on earth.

A vivid example of the importance of intercession is found in the text above when judgment fell on a nation after God's failure to find a person to stand in the gap for the land. God needed a man to stand in the gap for the land that He would not destroy it. The practice of intercession can keep the wrath of God from coming upon an individual or a nation. Do you understand this truth? Do you believe this truth? Another example is the time the intercession of Moses prevailed when God was going to destroy the people (**Exodus 32:11-14**).

Background

Paul expressed his burden to pray for his people, Israel, that *“they might be saved”* (**Romans 10:1**). He described his burden as *“great heaviness and continual sorrow in (his) heart”* (**Romans 9:2**). The context (**9:1-3**) includes a statement that the Holy Spirit is his witness that he is telling the truth since the treatment he had received from his own people would lead an observer to question his veracity in the matter. He sounded much like Moses interceding for Israel (**Exodus 32:11-14**) when he shared that his burden was so intense that

he would be willing to go to hell if his people could be saved. There is little incentive to exercise the discipline needed to pray without a burdened heart. Results are assured when there is a burdened heart (**Psalm 126:5-6**). As the gospel seed is watered with tears of concern, the precious seed (which is the Word of God) will have great impact. Since we are so preoccupied with this life, it is so easy simply to forget life in eternity which will either be Heaven or Hell based on what a person does with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praying for the lost

We can be confident that when we ask anything according to His will, God hears us and will answer (**1 John 5:14-15**) our requests. What is His will concerning the salvation of the unsaved? God is *“long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance.”* (**2 Peter 3:9**). “All” includes everyone in this incontrovertible statement of God's desire. He wants “all” to come to repentance. He loves the whole world (**John 3:16**). Christ is the propitiation for the sins of *“the whole world”* (**1 John 2:2**).

Paul's charge to Timothy is that he pray *“for all men”* and that *“God our Savior [would] have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”* and that *“Christ Jesus. . . gave Himself a ransom for all”* (**1 Timothy 2:1, 3-6**). Therefore, **praying for the lost is a very important need in intercession**. Our intercession frees God to do some things He would not otherwise do; God has chosen to involve us in His plan and has chosen to limit Himself to our praying. What an awesome thought! With confidence we can pray for the lost because saving the lost is His will.

As we recount how to pray for the lost, it is important to be specific not general. Intercede for a particular lost person BY NAME not just all lost people. Name the person in prayer and focus your thoughts and prayers toward that person. This is an extremely important part of praying for the lost. Remember that few people ever come to Christ

until someone begins to pray for them as individuals.

Three directions for praying for the lost

There are three directions to focus your praying for the lost: toward Satan, toward the Savior, and toward the Saints.

Toward Satan. The first target should be Satan. It is the power of Satan that holds the sinner in bondage. You will remember that Jesus did not deal with surface problems, but the power behind the problems. When Jesus revealed to the disciples that He would go to Jerusalem, where He would suffer many things, be killed, and raised again the third day, Simon Peter told Him that He did not know what He was talking about. Jesus realized the power behind Peter's remark and targeted Satan: "*Get thee behind Me, Satan*" was his response (**Matthew 16:21-23**).

Paul spoke directly to the demon who possessed the young girl in Philippi (**Acts 16:16-18**). He further described spiritual warfare pointing out that we are not to use carnal weapons in the flesh, but spiritual weapons that can pull down the strongholds that enslave people (**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**). By the way, note that the strongholds are in the mind "imagination", "knowledge" and "thought." In **Ephesians 6:12**, Satan's spiritual hierarchy of organization is given. Satan is not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent, but he is organized. After a believer gets his armor on, the first activity mentioned is prayer (v. 18) since prayer is where the battle is fought.

The primary focus of evangelism is toward Satan. A lost person is "bound by the god of this world" and is in the "*snare of the devil taken captive by him at his will*" (**2 Timothy 2: 25-26**). He has "*blinded the minds of them which believe not*" (**2 Corinthians 4:4**). The devil is the "*strong man*" who must first be bound (**Matthew 12:29**) and Jesus is the One who is stronger than the devil who can bind him (**Luke 11:21-22**). Through prayer, we need to appropriate the truth that Jesus has perfectly defeated Satan totally. When Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He conquered Satan. Further, redemption means that Jesus

has bought us out of slavery, redeemed and ransomed us. Satan's strongholds can be attacked directly through prayer.

Before a lost person can be saved, Satan's stronghold needs to be torn down and this is accomplished through intercessory prayer. The conquest that Jesus has accomplished must be appropriated. It doesn't mean anything at all for the devil to be defeated 2,000 years ago if we don't awaken to that fact and claim the work of the cross. In prayer, an intercessor can exercise the faith of Calvary standing against Satan. The word of command that we have been given is the authority in His name to bind what He has bound and to loose what He has loosed (**Matthew 17:19, Mark 11:23**). In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can command obstacles and hindrances to the will of God to get out of the way. Before a lost person can believe, God wants us to cooperate by binding and loosing rebuking and standing against Satan. Rebuking Satan on the lost person's behalf and binding him from that person's life is the role that an intercessor plays.

Ask God to bind Satan

Using the authority that we have in Christ we can ask God specifically to bind the power of Satan (**Matthew 18:18; Mark 3:27**). We are called of God to be conquerors in spiritual warfare on this earth (**Ephesians 6:11-12**). James describes this warfare when he told us to submit ourselves to God and to resist the Devil so he will flee from us (**James 4:7**). This should not make us afraid. Truly it should give us great encouragement in our role as intercessors.

We have power in this warfare; the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is that power (**Ephesians 6:10**). We must stand our ground in this spiritual battle with the authority given us by God. Strongholds cannot stand against our authority when it is properly wielded (**2 Corinthians 10:4-5**). Just as a policeman can stop or move traffic by a gesture of his hand, so we, in Christ's name, command spiritual powers. Through prayer (in His name by His authority) believers can command evil powers

that bind the souls of people to release their captives. Remember that Satan is perfectly defeated and greater is He who is in us than the one that is in the world (**1 John 4:4**).

Through intercession, we claim the work of Calvary in the lost person's life. The blood of Jesus has atoned for the sins of the whole world. To pray in the name of Jesus is to claim everything that His work has purchased. The sins of an unsaved person have already been paid for by the blood of Jesus which has already been shed (**1 John 2:2, John 1:29**). Jesus has purchased the lost person. Remember that a person never goes to hell because of his sins (drinking, lying, fornicating, murdering, etc.). Rather, he is condemned because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (**John 3:18**). Since Jesus has already paid for his redemption, we have the right to claim him in Jesus' name. **IN HIS NAME, THE INTERCESSOR HAS THE RIGHT TO CLAIM WHAT HIS BLOOD HAS PURCHASED!**

Toward the Savior. It is important to remember that a person does not come to Jesus except the Father draws him (**John 6:44**). It is through the Holy Spirit that the Father draws a person to the Savior. Jesus explained that it would be the work of the Holy Spirit to convict the world *"of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."* (**John 16:8**). It is certainly appropriate for us to ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to the unsaved person's heart to convict him and draw him. One can easily imagine the result in a lost person's thinking when he becomes conscious of his lostness and the coming judgment. Not only will the Holy Spirit bring the sense of conviction, He will do it in the light of calling attention to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Toward the Saints. In **Romans 10:1-3,8-13**, Paul gives the clear plan of salvation with the conclusion that *"whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Then, he poses a question in **v. 14**: viz., how can a person call on someone he has never heard about? Jesus instructed us to pray that God will send laborers into the harvest (**Matthew 9:35-38**).

Keep praying that God will raise up someone to witness to the unsaved person. This is God's method. He prepares a sinner and he prepares a witness. In **Acts 8**, the eunuch was the prepared sinner and Philip was the prepared witness. In **Acts 10**, Cornelius was the prepared sinner who had been praying and fasting four days; Peter was the prepared witness. God's way is to bring together prepared sinners and prepared witnesses.

Through intercessory praying God moves to prepare the sinner. The intercessor needs to continue the cycle and ask God to prepare the witness that he will speak as he ought to speak and then give him an opportunity to share (**Colossians 4:12**). Don't be surprised if you become the witness God will use.

Let's pray for the lost

One very practical approach in praying for the lost is to choose five unsaved persons represented by the five fingers of your left hand and another five who will be represented by the fingers of your right hand. Pray for these every day following the ideas provided above. When one gets saved, replace that person with someone else. Know that it is the will of God that each of these persons be saved. Pray in the direction of Satan, in the direction of the Savior, and in the direction of the saints.

It is sad to note that there are saved people living with unsaved people under the same roof often members of the same family and no one is praying for those lost people. Remember that if you are not praying for your children and grandchildren, no one else is. If you have lost your burden because of the pressures all around you and the pull of this earth, take this matter directly to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. He will deal with it and make things different!

Some years ago, it became clear to me that I needed to include a section in the prayer seminar on praying for the lost. Consequently, one of the last items that I teach is praying for the lost. On page twenty-nine of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, I encourage the participants to become intercessors by

organizing their praying according to the days of the week. On Saturday, pray for the sinners and seekers. The instruction provided is basically what is above. A lady in Boise, Idaho heard the teaching and decided to use the approach cited for her father, mother, and brother who had shown nothing but hostility toward Christianity. A short time later, she wrote to say that her mother and brother were gloriously saved and that she continued to pray for her father.

The work most needed is prayer work. Unless the prayer work is done, evangelism will make little difference. In fact, it is safe to conclude that it is possible to contact face to face every individual in a county or city with a gospel witness and see nothing happen if the prayer work is not done. May the Holy Spirit clearly teach each of us the needed truths that will result in our making time to pray for the lost. Remember God is able. God is willing. God is waiting for us to call on Him (**Jeremiah 33:3**).

J. Gordon Henry

Becoming a soul-winner

God told the entire church to go out as soul-winners. And I think if three things are kept in mind the simplest and youngest child of God can be a soul-winner.

First of all, he must realize the power of the Word of God, that the Word of God simply declared without arguments has tremendous power.

Secondly, he must realize that there is power in prayer. So many of us go out to witness without praying before we go and as we go.

And then, thirdly, he must depend on the power of the Holy Spirit. No person can be won to Christ without tremendous dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

These three things, kept in mind, I believe the humblest child of God can become a mighty soul-winner. --**Billy Graham**

One Solitary Life

"Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21).

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Helen H. Lemmel

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. When He was dead, His body was laid in a borrowed tomb.

Over twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man as much as that **ONE SOLITARY LIFE**.

May the love, grace, and mercy of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you and yours as you continue to serve Him. Let others see Jesus in you each day. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus" (**Acts 4:13**).

In Loving Memory

Letha D. Hash (Mrs. John)

October 20, 1923 - January 26, 2007

**"Absent from the body, present with the Lord"---2 Corinthians 5:8
PRAY FOR DR. HASH AND
BIBLE PATHWAY MINISTRIES.**

DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR

MARCH 2007

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



THURSDAY, MARCH 1

JOSHUA 1-5 (Antiqua 69,108)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Joseph W. Adams (OH)
Mae Adams (NC)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Rosalee Adams (VA)
Norma Ailes (FL)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)
Ron Anthony (MD)

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

JOSHUA 6-8 (Argentina 39.9M)

Milcie Arnold (VA)
Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)
Kenneth Banks (NC)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Steven & Judi Bartelt (NJ)
Steven & Marie Basilici (KS)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
John & Joan Bateman (PA)
Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Russell & Eleanor Beard (FL)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

JOSHUA 9-12 (Armenia 3M)

Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Ruel & Elizabeth Bennett (NY)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
Bethesda Ministries
Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
Dorothy Spickard Biddle (TN)
Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
Mike Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Von M. Bridges (TX)
Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Shirley Brown (VA)

MONDAY, MARCH 5

JOSHUA 13-17 (Aruba 71,891)

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
Myron Buchholz (NY)
Alvin & Berthena Bullard (FL)
Ruby Burger (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

JOSHUA 18-21 (Australia 20.3M)

Joreatha Capers (FL)
Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)
Allen & Betty Carter (MD)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Merry J Chandler (MD)
Michael & Alice Chapin (WI)
Edith A. Charity (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Ted & Terry Cooper (SC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

JOSHUA 22-24 (Azerbaijan 8M)

Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
Joel & Paul Criz (HI)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)
Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)
Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

JUDGES 1-5 (Bahrain 698,585)

Ken & Zommie Dietrich (WA)
Pat & Analee Doney (SC)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Walt Edwards (NC)
Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Grace Eldridge (NJ)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

JUDGES 6-8 (Bangladesh 147.4M)

June Fisher (TN)
Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)
Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
James Fritz (KY)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Earl & Diane Garner (NY)
Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Ben & Colleen Garton (CO)
Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

JUDGES 9-12 (Barbados 279,912)

Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)
Juanita Granger (VA)
Evelina Graves (VA)
Odether Gray (GA)
Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)
Terry & Linda Gregory (NJ)
Tim & Merry Gregory (VA)
Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jason & Marylyn Hooker (VA)

MONDAY, MARCH 12

JUDGES 13-16 (Bermuda 65,773)

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert & Almaretha Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

JUDGES 17-21 (Bhutan 2M)

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & April Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)
Peter & Millicent John (NY)
Dannie & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Tara Johnson (KY)
Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

RUTH 1-6 (Bolivia 9M)

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Shem Kaula (Nigeria)
 Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Joyce Kelley (OR)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Bruce Kirby, Pastor
 Alice Kern (NJ)
 Archie & Mary King (TN)

THURSDAY MARCH 15

1 SAMUEL 1-3 (Bosnia 4.5M)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Clara Mae Klink (IN)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch:
 Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

1 SAMUEL 4-8 (Botswana 1.6M)
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Stephen Latong (Nigeria)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Kevin & Kay Layne (NC)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Glenn & Mary L. Littlepage (TN)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 N. P. London (Canada)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Francis & Deirdre Lyons (ME)

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

1 SAMUEL 9-12 (Brazil 188M)
 Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Deborah Mathais (NY)
 Bill & Mirle Matheny (VA)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)
 Jim & Lin McLean (MD)
 Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Bill & Becky Mentz (FL)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

MONDAY, MARCH 19

1 SAMUEL 13-15 (Br Virg Is 23,098)
 Randy & Shirley Miller (CO)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Leslie & Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
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 Bill & Lois Needham (WA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Rebekah Norman (TN)
 Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

1 SAMUEL 16-19 (Brunei 379,444)
 Tom & Ann Palumbo (NJ)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Tom & Sue Powell (WA)
 Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

1 SAMUEL 20-23 (Bulgaria 7.5M)
 Maryann Primo (NJ)
 Phyllis Reed (NH)
 Roscoe & Helen Richmond (GA)
 Earnest & Lucy Ricks (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)
 John & Sandra Roberts (FL)
 A. K. & Lula Robinson (GA)
 David & Cathie Rocke (IA)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

1 SAMUEL 24-26 (Burkina 13.9M)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

1 SAMUEL 27-31 (Burundi 8.1M)
 Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Jasper & Sherilyn Sherrod (NJ)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Doris Snyder (FL/OH)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

2 SAMUEL 1-4 (Cambodia 13.9M)
 Wilfred & Merle St.Hillaire (NY)
 LeRoy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Gordon & Carol Stewart (AZ)
 Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA/FL)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Matthew & Carrie Teyssier (NJ)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 David & Montez Thompson (MI)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)

MONDAY, MARCH 26

2 SAMUEL 5-7 (Cameroon 17.3M)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Norb & Jo Totsky (WI)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

2 SAMUEL 8-10 (Canada 33.1M)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Tommy Waddell (TN)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

2 SAMUEL 11-14 (Cape Verde 420,979)
 Melba Whitehurst (VA)
 Alan & Shirley Whitmore (TN)
 Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
2 SAMUEL 15-18 (Cayman Is 45,436)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Edward & Virginia Williams (NC)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

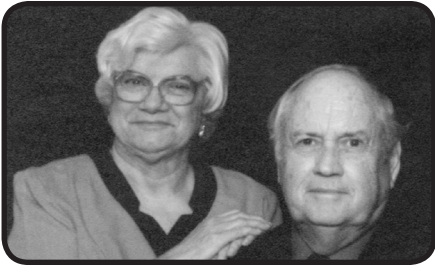
2 SAMUEL 19-20 (Cent Af Rep 4.3M)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Dot Winfield (MD)
 Amos Wipf (GA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

2 SAMUEL 21-24 (Chad 9.9M)
 The Word Church (NJ)
 Buz Offenbacher, Pastor
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)
 Lili Wykle (VA)
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

Seminar promotion

by Shirley Maybin



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Chapin United Methodist Church, Chapin SC, hosted a prayer seminar on Saturday, January 13, 2007. It was very exciting to look forward to the seminar, but I kept thinking about how I could promote it in order to get maximum attendance from our area. Running through my mind were articles that I had read about thousands attending the seminar in other nations. What could be done to bring folks in to a six-hour seminar on a Saturday in January? Weather for a Saturday in January in Chapin SC could be in the seventies and as it turned out was 73 degrees, wonderful for golfing, fishing, shopping but a prayer seminar? this would be a challenge!

Information letters. Early in November, 2006, I mailed to every member of the Chapin United Methodist Church and also to all regular attendees who are not members an information sheet explaining the seminar and giving all the facts including date, time, cost, and such. Using that same information sheet and adding a cover letter, I mailed the information to all the Columbia District United Methodist pastors (26) and to pastors in the Newberry, Prosperity and Little Mountain area (16). If I personally knew someone in these churches, I wrote a personal letter asking him/her to promote the seminar. 140 letters were mailed.

Sunday bulletins. Beginning in December, I had an announcement in the church bulletin each Sunday and also in the December church newsletter. In addition, I inserted half-sheets in the church bulletin on December 3, 17, 2006 and January 7, 2007 done in color and designed to "catch your eye" and build up some

enthusiasm.

Time Warner Channel 2/Chapin Times/Banner. Running consecutively with all of this was an announcement on Time Warner Channel 2 (The Chapin Channel) giving information as to date, time, cost, etc. and extending an invitation to all in the community. Our local newspaper, **The Chapin Times**, featured an article headline on the front page published on Thursday, December 28. In early December, I placed a banner at the street in front of the church giving the seminar information as to date, time. The church information sign also carried the information.

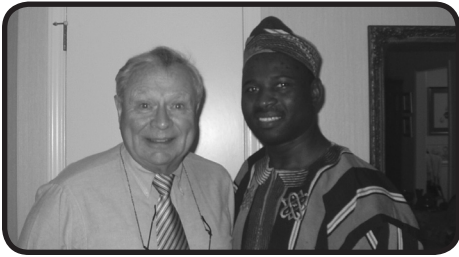
Registration. Folks who wanted to attend could register by e-mail, by telephone, or by signing in at the Prayer Seminar table outside the Fellowship Hall. The table (in place Dec. 1-Jan. 7), featured a display board with all the information. Most of Dr. Henry's books were displayed on the table so people could review some of his published material.

Prayer support. All in all, it was a good experience. My prayer warriors began praying the first of November, but on January 1, only sixty-two were registered. We began then to pray that God would send people with open minds and hearts who truly wanted to learn about prayer. We served lunch to approximately 190 people so I think that was a good estimate of the number attending.

Summary. There has been nothing but positive comments about the seminar. Everyone loved Dr. Henry. One person wrote, "he was awesome and it was a privilege to get to hear him. I felt so blessed that my husband and I were able to attend." Another said, "he was so profound, yet he presented the truths in such a simple way that all could follow and understand." At this point, five persons have given testimonies that this day changed their lives forever, with one saying, "Born into this world 10-16-62; died to self and born to Christ 1-13-2007." Praise God from who all blessings flow.

Significance of the name of Jesus Christ

by Sunday Bwanhot



The name of Jesus Christ is most important. It is the name that God the Father gave to His Son. At the mention of Jesus Christ many things about God will just flash through our minds. At the mention of Jesus Christ, Satan trembles, unbelievers either repent or become more hardened; Christians rejoice along with the angelic beings. The name of Jesus Christ makes the difference in terms of where we will spend eternity Heaven or Hell.

His authority

Praying in the name of Jesus Christ is an appeal to His authority. The name of Jesus Christ is the only authority in the hands of believers that opens the doorway to God's throne and to all His treasures. All power belongs to Jesus but He has given us authority to exercise some of His power by using His name. The name of Jesus Christ therefore becomes the seal that authenticates the claims on which we lay hold.

An illustration

Let us illustrate. Assuming the president of our country gave me a special assignment that would require my seeing Ministers, Governors, top military and security personnel and entering all "secret" offices and interviewing whomever I thought should be interviewed, he would give me a letter of introduction signed and sealed, authorizing me to see any of the officers listed above. Though I am not a public figure that is known, when I am armed with the president's letter I would walk boldly to any office. Any security checks on my way or unnecessary delays will be waived as soon as I present the

president's letter. Anywhere I visit, I will be given maximum cooperation.

I am not the president, neither do I have any power, but I have an authority that is backed by the power of the president. I could use that same authority to see the president personally and make any relevant request from him.

The name of Jesus Christ

The name of Jesus Christ is the authority that we have and since He is the Creator of the whole world and everything in it, we can enter anywhere or make relevant requests to Him and we will be successful. Armed with the name of Jesus Christ, which is our authority, we should march forward from victory to victory.

Note: God used a prayer seminar in Jos, Nigeria, November 26, 1988, to revolutionize Sunday's prayer life. He joined **Onesimus Sule** in launching a prayer ministry in Nigeria. The above article is from **LORD TEACH US TO PRAY**, a book that he wrote in 1992 based on the material in our prayer seminar workbook. Sunday, his wife, Grace, and three sons are serving as missionaries to West Africans in Chicago.

**"Please, tell me;
what is prayer?"**

Prayer is . . .

- ❑ coming to the Father,
- ❑ through the Son,
- ❑ in the power of the Holy Spirit

asking
**for self (petition);
for others (intercession).**

A command: "Call upon Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

The Name of Jesus

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear;
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the trouble breast;
It's manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

John Newton

The vital link prayer

Paul, writing to the believers at Thessalonica, included this request: "Brethren, pray for us" (**1 Thessalonians 5:25**).

Even as Paul recognized the value of intercessory prayer, so do we. It gives me great joy when I hear from **Doorkeepers** and other friends who assure me that they pray daily for **J. Gordon Henry Ministries**.

There are so many things to pray about in a ministry such as ours. Pray for God's blessings on the ministry of the Word as it goes forth either through teaching or writing. Please join in prayer for wisdom, guidance, health, open doors, quality relationships, effective witnessing, and God's special blessing on the teaching of the Word in the prayer seminars. Please "pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" (**2 Thessalonians 3:1**).

As our ministry is energized by the Holy Spirit, then our work will result in the edification of the church and the evangelization of the unsaved.

A good motto

With eternity's values in view, Lord,
With eternity's values in view;
May I do each day's work for Jesus
With eternity's values in view.

Note: This simple thought has guided many of God's children with a focus that makes a difference in daily living. Try it for your-



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1071. The great tragedy of our day is really not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.

Note 1072. To believe everything that God has told us in His Word is FAITH.

Note 1073. The very best response to trials is to draw closer to God.

Note 1074. The only adequate expression of trust is obedience. TRUST AND OBEY!

Note 1075. God is never farther than a prayer away.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

January 18--February 19, 2007

Regular	47	\$2,830
Venezuela	1	500
Total	48	\$3,330



LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD!

Welcome, New Doorkeepers!

Joel & Paula Criz (HI)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
E. E. Ellison (SC)
Kehaunani L. S. Lee (HI)

Devote Yourselves to
Prayer, Being
Watchful and Thankful

The only way to learn to pray is to pray.



PAKISTANI LEADERS--2005

**Don't forget to remember
to hold them up in prayer.**

"Yes, Lord, I will obey."

Charles Spurgeon urgently needed three hundred pounds sterling for his orphanage. He presented the need in sermons delivered in three churches in Bristol, England. The people responded generously, giving the exact amount for which he had asked.

As Spurgeon retired that night, the Lord seemed to say to him, "Give the three hundred pounds to George Mueller." Spurgeon protested, "But, Lord, I need the money for my children in London."

Spurgeon couldn't sleep. The Lord seemed to repeat the request, "Give the three hundred pounds to Mueller." Finally, Spurgeon said, "Yes, Lord, I will." Then he fell asleep.

In the morning, Spurgeon went to Mueller's orphanage. He found Mueller praying with his open Bible before him. Placing his hand on Mueller's shoulder, Spurgeon said, "God has impressed me to give you three hundred pounds."

"Oh," exclaimed Mueller, I have been asking the Lord for that amount which I urgently need for my orphans!"

Rejoicing, Spurgeon returned to London. On his desk, he found three hundred guineas. "There!" he exclaimed joyfully. "The Lord has returned my three hundred pounds with three hundred shillings' interest!"

**TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS,
LEARN TO TRUST AND OBEY!**

Itinerary: 2007

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

2 Thessalonians 3:1

March

2-4 Prayer Seminar:
Pleasant Hope Baptist Church
Calhoun KY
For information: Steve Dame
(270) 278-2609

5 JGHM Board Meeting
Murfreesboro TN

17-18 Prayer Seminar:
Ebenezer United Methodist Church
Miami FL
For information:
Dr. Joreatha Capers
(305) 635-7413

Tentative: Spanish Church seminar
25 Evangelism Clinic--6 p.m.
Forest Baptist Church
Forest VA

April

2-16 Prayer Seminars: Venezuela

Paraphrase of Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is **LOVE**. **JOY** is love smiling. **PEACE** is love resting. **PATIENCE** is love waiting. **KINDNESS** is love showing itself sensitive to the needs of others. **GOODNESS** is love making allowances and sacrifices for others. **FAITHFULNESS** is love proving constant. **GENTLENESS** is love yielding. **SELF-CONTROL** is love triumphing over selfish inclinations.

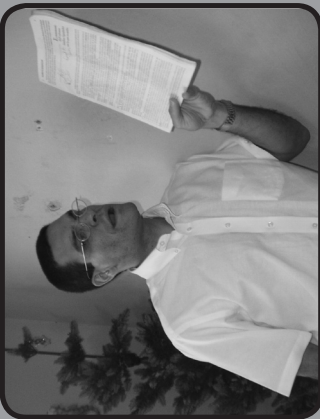


Love is the mark of a Christian. Love is the motivation of a Christian. "The love of Christ constrains us" (2 Corinthians 5:14.

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PRAY FOR ADAM NATHANSON
AS HE INTERPRETS THE SPANISH
SEMINARS IN VENEZUELA.

Special resources

Two articles in this issue should be placed in your **IDEA FILE** for future use.

Praying for the lost. If you are not praying for your family, no one else is! This is a simple, but profound, statement that reminds us of the importance of our praying. Intercessory prayer is when we focus the power of God on another person or on a specific situation.

In this issue, my study deals with praying for the lost (pages 2-5). My observation is that few people come to Christ until someone begins praying for them. Do you have a burden for the unsaved? When I began my ministry fifty-three years ago, folks wept over the lost and often pled with others to join them in praying for them. Sadly, few are burdened enough to pray today.

Start with family members who are lost. Pray for them by name. I have thoughts to guide you in your praying for the lost. I believe what I am sharing will help you to focus the power of God through intercessory praying.

Seminar Preparation. Basic information about the prayer seminar was included in the February **Reflector** (pages 8-11). You can share this information with anyone considering scheduling a prayer seminar.

The success of a prayer seminar often depends upon preparation. In all the years, both nationally and internationally, the preparation carried out by **Shirley Maybin** for a January seminar in Chapin SC was the best I have ever seen. I asked her to share with our readers what she did. File this for your own future use.

Seldom have I sensed the unction of the Holy Spirit upon a seminar as the Chapin seminar. The ground was prepared. Many made decisions about their spiritual lives. Twelve persons accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. Every book on the book table was taken. A large number of orders were placed for books to be shipped. Shirley's preparation bore much fruit!