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PRAYER! AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND SHIELD!

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Many point out, rightly so, that some participate in public services related to the National Day of Prayer who are not on praying ground. The scripture that is often claimed is **2 Chronicles 7:14**: “If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” Certainly, America needs healing and only God can bring the healing. It is important to remember, however, that God is speaking to “His people called by His name” (since **Acts 11:26** believers have been called “Christians”). Until God’s children meet His requirements, there will be no healing in the land. As we meet God’s conditions, there will be healing.

At the same time, I concluded a number of years ago that a National Day of Prayer is a

good thing for several reasons. On one day, across the nation—in cities, towns, villages, and rural areas, God is acknowledged. For eight years, JGHM (at considerable expense of time, energy, and resources) served as the Tennessee state coordinator for the National Day of Prayer. Among the activities we promoted was an annual governor’s prayer breakfast, attended by a large number from across the state. We worked with the Governor in proclaiming the day and issuing a resolution. We promoted the day with officials in every county. Year by year, the number involved increased.

Whether you attend a public prayer observance, you can have a part in this special day. My suggestion is a simple one that we promoted throughout Tennessee--take five minutes at 12 noon to pray for America.

TAKE 5 AT 12 NOON

Join thousands of others across America at 12 noon on Thursday, May 1, for at least five minutes of united prayer.

- Acknowledge our dependence upon God.
- Give thanks for the many blessings He has given us.
- Confess specific sins in our nation and ask for God’s mercy upon us.
- Ask for a spirit of repentance among God’s children.
- Ask God to guide our leaders and to bring healing and spiritual wholeness to our nation and all our people.

May this 58th consecutive National Day of Prayer be special in your life and in the life of a nation that in many ways has forgotten God.

**“The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped.”
Psalm 28:7**

An instructive testimony

Joyce Eggleston (Mrs. Paul)
Forest, Virginia



Doorkeepers Paul & Joyce Eggleston

My aunt called me one day and asked why I didn't join the church. She said, "You've been coming for so long and you are a good worker in the church." I asked her what I had to do and she said, "Tonight, at the close of the service, go to the altar and tell the pastor you want to be baptized and join the church." So I did and I thought, "Well, I'm a Christian now."

One Thursday night, we were having a pancake supper at the church and the pastor asked me if I would be willing to give a personal testimony about Jesus and what He meant to me. I said, "Do you mean that He was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead, and now sits on the right hand of the Father in Heaven?" He said, "No, you're not ready yet."

That night, after I put my children to bed, I started thinking, "What did the pastor mean that I wasn't ready? What was Jesus supposed to mean to me?" I really wanted to know.

I found a "Four Spiritual Laws" booklet and started reading. The first thing I read was that "all have sinned." I thought to myself, "I'm not a bad person. I haven't committed adultery, robbed a bank, or killed anyone. God loves me because I am a good person." The Holy Spirit started convicting me. He said, "Do you remember that watch you took from your neighbor's house when you were six years old?" I said, "Yes, but my mother made me take

it back and apologize." The Holy Spirit kept on bringing things to my mind and by the time He got through with me, He had convinced me that indeed I was a sinner.

The next statement in the booklet was from **John 3:16**: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I said, "OK God, I do believe in You." The Holy Spirit said, "That's good, but you are to believe in Jesus and what He did for you on the cross. He died for your sins." "Oh, I see," I said, "but what am I supposed to do now?" The next scripture was **John 1:12**: "To as many that receive Him to them He gives the power to become the sons of God even to those who believe." I said, "I believe. How do I receive Him?" The next Scripture was **Revelation 3:20**: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens up, I will come in." I said, "Jesus, I open the door. Please come in." He did, and since that night, I have had the assurance that if I died, I would go to Heaven, not because of what I have done but because of what Jesus did for me on the cross. I also have a joy and peace that I didn't have before.

The next morning I called the pastor and told him that I could give a personal testimony now because Jesus was my personal Lord and Savior. I thanked him for asking me that question because I could have gone on thinking that God loved me because I was a good person.

I asked my friends at church why they hadn't told me how to be saved. They said, "We didn't know you weren't!"

Note from Dr. Henry

When Joyce shared her testimony with Sue and me, I knew that it would be a blessing to our **Reflector** readers--and helpful to many who will use it to examine their own salvation experience. It is important for a person to know that he/she has trusted Jesus. Please read carefully and recall where you were when you trusted Jesus as your Savior. If you have not, do it today.

What is a Christian?

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 1:12-13

When we take the first three words of **John 1:13** and the last two words, we have the phrase “which were born . . . of God.” That’s a good definition. A Christian is one who is born of God.

Antioch, Syria. In scorn and ridicule the world gave birth to the word “Christian.” In Antioch of Syria (a city some say had a million people), the followers of Jesus were given this nickname. The word “Christian” appears only three times in the New Testament and never in the Old Testament. First in **Acts 11:26**: “And the disciples were called Christians first in **Acts 26:28**: “Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” And also in **1 Peter 4:16**: “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this behalf.”

To be a Christian in the early centuries was a life-and-death proposition; it involved the faith of heroes. To be a Christian often meant facing a pagan arena and wild beasts; it always meant the narrow gate, the restricted way, the denial of self, shouldering a cross, & following Jesus.

Born again. Why is a new birth necessary? Because the Bible teaches “all have sinned.” In **Genesis 2:17**, God had a conversation with Adam about His expectations and the results that would follow disobedience. If Adam disobeyed, he would die. He did not die physically; neither did he die as a person. But he did die. His spirit died to God. Then self, not God, sat on the control seat in his life. Every person born since Adam has been born dead to God.

When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, He said: “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the

kingdom of God” (**John 3:3**). According to Jesus, a Christian is one who has been born again. Jesus was not speaking of a physical birth, but a spiritual birth. Spiritual birth is the only way to enter God’s family.

“All have sinned” is the plain statement. You have sinned; I have sinned; we all have sinned. God’s justice and holiness demand that sin be paid for and dealt with. Jesus, God’s Son, voluntarily died to atone for the sins of all mankind. When one receives Christ in faith, then, and only then, does he have the power or the legal right to be a child of God. The Holy Spirit said through John: “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become to sons of God, even to them that believe on His name” (**John 1:12**). Mark the word “believe.”

Receive Him. To receive Christ is to have “faith” in Him, that He is the sinless Son of God, and believe that He died voluntarily for our sins so that we might be free from spiritual death and judgment and have everlasting life. The all-important question is, Have you made this decision? Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior?

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come. The Gospel is the good news that God has done something to make possible new life. It is the story of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**). When any person hears what I call “the world’s greatest story” and puts his faith in Jesus, that which was dead to God now comes alive to God. His spirit comes alive to God because the Holy Spirit comes and indwells him.

It is helpful to understand what the words, “believe,” “faith,” and “trust” entail. “Believe” in such verses as **John 3:16** is more than intellectual belief. It is interesting to note that “the devils believe and tremble” (**James 2:19**). By contrast, a person who “believes” in Jesus has everlasting life. The difference is action—not just believing intellectually, but trusting Jesus.

The best illustration of saving faith that I know is the story of **John G. Paton** (1824-1907),

a Scottish missionary to the New Hebrides in the South Pacific. He gave the Aniwan people the first hymnbook in their own language and translated the New Testament into their language. During the work of translation, he was having difficulty in finding the word in the native language for saving faith. One hot day, a native teacher came in, sat down in a chair, and used a word that meant “I’m resting my whole weight on this chair.” Paton knew he had found the word for saving faith. The word “faith” is the word “trust” when you rest your whole weight on the Lord Jesus Christ. A helpful question to ask to bring a salvation experience to our mind is this one: “Where were you when you trusted Jesus as your Savior?”

Two verses that answer the question how to get to the Cross for salvation are **Ephesians 2:8-9** and **Hebrews 11:6**. These verses highlight the role of faith to bring a person to the Lord Jesus Christ. “For by grace are you saved, through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” “But without faith it is impossible to please [God]: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of them that diligent seek Him.” Faith does not save a person, but faith links him with Jesus.

In our day, the word “Christian” has been seriously corrupted. It has been pulled and stretched to cover the whole civilized world. Often it has been misused, misapplied, misunderstood, and misappropriated. Thousands upon thousands call themselves Christians who have no claim to the name at all. It is not enough to identify with a Christian family. The sinner must receive the Savior and the Savior must receive the sinner. The concept of Christianity has become so distorted that millions do not know the difference between spiritual regeneration and mere religious profession.

The moment you trust Christ. The moment that you trust Christ, your name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Many of you who are following the Bible reading program in the **Reflector** have recently encountered the most dramatic list of names found in **1 Chronicles**

1-9. There are over 500 names belonging to real people who once lived on the earth. The most vital listing, however, is in Heaven—the names of those who have been born again through faith in Jesus Christ (**Luke 10:20, Philippians 4:3**). At the same time, the Holy Spirit came to live in your spirit (**John 14:17, Romans 8:9b, 1 Cor 3:16, 1 John 4:13**). You were baptized into the body of Christ (**1 Cor 12:13**). You will never hear the Lord Jesus Christ say, “Depart from Me, I never knew you” (**Matthew 7:23**). You will go to Heaven when you die; “to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord” (**2 Cor 5:8**).

A practical step. You would be wise to return to Joyce Eggleston’s testimony. She was clearly convicted by the Holy Spirit. She had a strong desire to come to Christ. Note what she did that brought about peace.

The convert’s first question. For the apostle Paul, salvation and surrender were simultaneous. Immediately upon believing, he asked, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (**Acts 9:6**). I call this “the convert’s first question.” Have you asked that question? Just as Paul wanted to do God’s will only, so every Christian should commit his entire life to Christ. Paul called upon all Christians to “yield yourselves unto God” (**Roimans 6:13**). Have you made a decision to do this and are you yielding yourselves to God moment by moment?

The call of Christ while on earth was uncompromising and unconvotional. While He was loving and kind, we must not overlook the demands of His call. “Lord,” cried one man, “I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest.” Jesus answered the enthusiastic offer with a staggering response, “Foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.” Another cried, “Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.” The reply struck back as fast and devastating as lightning. “Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God (**Luke 9:57-60**). If you are a Christian, no sacrifice is too great to make for the One who shed His blood for your salvation.

Perspective

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, [Jesus] went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

Mark 1:35

Andrew Bonar (1810-1892), a great man of God, had three rules he lived by: Rule 1—Not to speak to any person before speaking to Jesus Christ; Rule 2—Not to do anything with his hands until he had been on his knees; Rule 3—Not to read the papers until he read his Bible. God used Bonar mightily.

Our world. We live in a fast moving, noisy world with many voices all around us. The pace at which most of us operate is frightening. More than ever before we need to budget our time to do those things that must be done. Because of our hectic schedules, many important activities get lost in the shuffle and are left undone. We are bombarded from the time we get up in the morning until we go to bed at night with noise pollution that takes its toll on all of us—televisions, radios, telephones, automobiles, and such. We have been robbed of the beauty of quietness.

Each of us must decide what our **priorities** will be and we must exercise **discipline** to follow them. We alone determine what will come first in our lives—what is most important. Whether to spend time talking with God or spend time doing something else is a decision each of us must make. We must decide what is primary and what is secondary, what is major and what is minor.

Unfortunately, for many Christians, **THE QUIET TIME** does not rank high enough on the list. It becomes a casualty to the clock. It is often left out of our day. The activity that should be the most important to us is put aside, leaving us spiritually weak and sick. Just as it is easier to fight off a cold when we are in good physical condition, so it is easier to fight off the devil when we are spiritually fit.

Definition. What is **THE QUIET TIME**? The Christian’s **quiet time** is the time he spends sharing with God the Father. It is, more specifically, the definite time set aside each day for prayer, meditation, and the study of God’s Word. It is the time when we devote ourselves—spirit, soul, and body—exclusively before the Lord. It is from the **quiet time** with God that we derive strength, wisdom, and guidance for each day. Without a daily devotional life we become spiritually anemic, starved, and easy prey to Satan, our enemy.

The quiet time is much like a spiritual shower or bath. It washes, refreshes, and revives us. It helps to protect us from the moral corruption around us. And it prepares us, as Christian soldiers, to engage in spiritual warfare.

The daily devotional life of the believer is an indispensable ingredient for a successful Christian life. Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (**Matthew 4:4**).

Application. Louise Smith (“Be Still and Know God,” *Christian Life*, May 1961, p 30) writes of a woman who had been a Christian many years. And yet, because of tension and emptiness in her life, she was on the verge of a nervous collapse. As she prayed to the Lord for help, the Holy Spirit directed her to a verse in **Isaiah 30** she had never noticed before. It was **verse 15**: “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.”

The woman began using half an hour before her family woke up for her **quiet time**. She began to read God’s Word and to consciously consider the love, greatness and power of God. One morning, on a day that was to be filled with several difficult commitments, she was considering the children of Israel as they crossed the Red Sea. “When I realized how easily God took several million people through that sea,” the woman commented, “I knew He could take me safely through any Red Sea that might arise in my day. I left my **quiet time** with assurance, confidence, and faith.”

Within a short time the woman’s nervousness had completely vanished. She

soon became such a bulwark of inspiration and strength that people could not believe she had been threatened by a nervous breakdown.

One of the most articulate, wise, and warm persons I encountered in my early career was Dr. Andy Holt, president, University of Tennessee, one of the most popular speakers in his era. At a certain point in his life, due to his hectic, consuming schedule, he developed an ulcer. Being a Christian, he carefully examined his life and made a decision to set aside quality time in the early morning for the Word of God and prayer. It was not long until the ulcer was gone. Dr. Holt, in every speech that I heard him deliver, gave testimony to what the Lord Jesus Christ had done in his life. Most contribute his leadership at the University of Tennessee to moving that university into a higher level.

The need. No matter who you are—new Christian, old Christian, pastor or layman—you have little hope of living triumphantly and victoriously unless you seriously maintain your **quiet time**. Isaiah wrote long ago: “Even the young shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (**Isaiah 40:30-31**). David heard God say: “Be still and know that I am God” (**Psalms 46:10**). He told us to “rest and wait on the Lord” (**Psalms 37:7**). A remarkable verse is found in the New Testament when James says: “Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you” (**James 4:8**). There is reciprocal movement in this verse, but you and I must make the first move. God is ready.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

“How to” begin and maintain a successful **quiet time** is the issue. Here are some practical suggestions that have been helpful in my personal life:

Prepare your mind. Recognize the importance of a **quiet time**. We seldom will

commit ourselves to anything that we do not believe is important, even though we might say it is important. It is very easy to give lip service to our need for fellowship with God. It is another thing entirely to be personally committed to those words. We are never truly successful at what we do unless we are committed to its achievement. Because we believe food is necessary to our physical well-being, we eat three times a day. We must feed spiritually for the same reason. Peter wrote, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (**1 Peter 2:2**). Cultivate a desire for the Word of God. Jeremiah wrote: “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart” (**Jeremiah 15:16**). When I wrote a book to help God’s children get into the Word of God, I used an expression from Job as the title, **A Christian’s Necessary Food**: “I have cherished Thy Word more than my necessary food” (**Job 23:12**). Determine to maintain the **Quiet Time**. I have found that we have time for just about anything that is really important.

Practical steps. Set aside a time and place to meet the Lord. Make an appointment with God and keep the appointment. A good rule to follow is to begin your day with God. The principle is simple: don’t wait until you have messed up your day and then bring the pieces to God to put back together.” Determine how many hours sleep your body needs and then make provision for the rest you need. If you need eight hours and get to bed at 10 P. M., you will be ready to get up at 6 A.M. In order to meet God in the morning, you must get to bed at a reasonable time at night. I try to be in bed at nine. I don’t use an alarm clock, but ask God to rest my body sufficiently and then awaken me for my special time with Him. Generally, that has been 4 A.M. Reserve the first fifteen minutes or so for your **Quiet Time**. It will not be long until you will want to add some minutes to this time.

I have personally found the morning to be the best time for my **Quiet Time** with God. The psalmist wrote: “My voice shalt Thou hear in

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PRAYERCALENDAR**MAY 2008**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b**THURSDAY, MAY 1****EZRA 1-3 (Azerbaijan 8.1M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Burnace Abrams (OH)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Rosalee Adams (VA)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)
 Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

FRIDAY, MAY 2**EZRA 4-6 (Bahamas 305,655)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Solomon & Kriszna Arrington (MD)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Kenneth Banks (NC)
 Carolyn Barkley (NY)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
 John & Joan Bateman (PA)

SATURDAY, MAY 3**EZRA 7-8 (Bahrain 708,573)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Bethesda Ministries
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
 Dorothy Spickard Biddle (NC)
 Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
 Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

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

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Shirley Brown (VA)
MONDAY, MAY 5

EZRA 9-10 (Bangladesh 150.4M)

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
 Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Janice Bugg (TN)
 Ruby Burger (TN)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Neal & Mary Ann Cabannis (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)
 Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)

TUESDAY, MAY 6**NEH 1-2 (Barbados 280,946)**

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**NEHEMIAH 3-4 (Belarus 9.7M)**

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8**NEHEMIAH 5-7 (Belgium 10.4M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
 Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Walt Edwards (NC)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Evalena Enoch (VA)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Lynne Farrow (NJ)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

FRIDAY, MAY 9**NEHEMIAH 8-10 (Belize 294,385)**

June Fisher (TN)
 Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)
 Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Carole B. Garvin (PA)
 Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)
SATURDAY, MAY 10
NEHEMIAH 11-13 (Benin 8.1M)
 Frances Glass (AL)
 Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (NJ)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)
 Doug Henry (TN)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger Henry (OH)
 Sean Henry (KS)
 Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodges (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 12**ESTHER 1-2 (Bermuda 66,163)**

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13**ESTHER 3-4 (Bhutan 2.3M)**

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**ESTHER 5-7 (Bolivia 9.1M)**

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15**ESTHER 8-10 (Bosnia 4.6M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Sherry Klutz (WA)
Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel & Jackie Kramer (VA)

David & Cathy Laing (FL)

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)

Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

FRIDAY, MAY 16**JOB 1-2 (Botswana 1.8M)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD)

Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)

Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)

George & Ginger Locklear (NC)

Stacy Logsdon (KY)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

SATURDAY, MAY 17**JOB 3-4 (Brazil 190M)**

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)

Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Gary & Anna McElwaine (KY)

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)

Jim & Lin McLean (TN)

John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)

Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Church (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 19**JOB 5-7 (Br Virgin Islands 23,552)**

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)

Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

TUESDAY, MAY 20**JOB 8-10 (Brunei 374,577)**

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)

New Harvest Christian Min (MD)

Marcus Johnson, Pastor

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

[REDACTED] (7.3M)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Pleasant Hope Baptist Church (KY)

Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 22**JOB 15-17 (Burkina Faso 14.3M)**

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)

John & Sandra Roberts (FL)

Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)

Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

FRIDAY, MAY 23**JOB 18-19 (Burma 47.4M)**

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)

David & Amy Ross (KY)

Sandra Rumore (VA)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)

David & Betty Schaum (NY)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

SATURDAY, MAY 24**JOB 20-21 (Burundi 8.4M)**

Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)

Doris Snyder (FL/OH)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Carol Snow Stewart (AZ)

Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 26**JOB 22-24 (Cambodia 14M)**

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

TUESDAY, MAY 27**JOB 25-28 (Cameroon 14M)**

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

WEDNESDAY MAY 28**JOB 29-31 (Canada 33.4M)**

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

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)

THURSDAY, MAY 29**JOB 32-34 (Cape Verde 423,613)**

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward Williams (NC)

Elijah Williams (NJ)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

FRIDAY, MAY 30**JOB 35-39 (Cayman Isle 46,600)**

Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)

Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)

Stephen Latong (Nigeria)

Leslie Tabitha Motsalane (S. Africa)

Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Zambia)

Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

SATURDAY, MAY 31**JOB 40-42 (Cen Af Republic 4.4M)**

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Dot Winfield (MD)

Amos Wipf (GA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacher, Pastor

Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)

Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)

Lili Wykle (VA)

Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

Living by faith

One great goal of the Christian life is to learn to live by faith. One way the Lord has of teaching us faith is to show us how the principle of faith operated in the lives of God's people in the past. Consequently, we should spend time with those who walked by faith recorded in **Hebrews 11**, the most complete treatise on faith to be found anywhere. In the biographical illustrations given there, we learn how God used ordinary people because they were courageous enough to believe His promises.

When Sue and I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary in April 2007, we wanted to focus on the life in which God has provided our every need for half a century. My favorite musician (vocalist and instrumentalist) is our daughter, **Mona**. I asked her to include a favorite song, *Living by Faith*. One reason I cherish the words of this song is that it clearly identifies the Object of victorious faith, the Lord Jesus Christ. Down through the months that have passed since our friends and relatives gathered in Forest Baptist Church to celebrate with us, I take a journey down Memory Lane and listen again in my spirit to **Mona, Joel & Jackie Kramar** (from her choir at Memorial Christian Church) sing "**living by faith in Jesus alone.**"

I care not today what the morrow may bring,
If shadow or sunshine or rain,
The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything,
And all my worry is vain.

Chorus:

Living by faith in Jesus alone,
Trusting, confiding in His great love;
Free from all harm, safe in His sheltering arm,
I'm living by faith and feel no alarm.

Tho' tempests may blow and the storm clouds
arise,
Obscuring the brightness of life,
I'm never alarmed at the overcast skies,
The Master looks on at the strife.

I know that He safely will carry me through,
No matter what evils betide,
Why should I then care though the tempests
blow,
When Jesus walks close to my side.

Our Lord will return to this earth some sweet
day,
Our troubles will then all be o'er,
The Master so gently will lead us away,
Beyond that blest heav'nly shore.

James Wells/J. L. Heath

Helping me now

"God is our refuge and strength, a very
present help in trouble" (**Psalm 46:1**).

He is helping me now—this moment,
Though I may not see it or hear;
Perhaps by a friend far distant,
Perhaps by a stranger near,
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by a printed word;
In ways that I know and know not
I have the help of the Lord.

—Author unknown

Luther's vision

For many years, I served as the executive director for the Transnational Association of Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and did the prayer seminars on the weekends and during our vacation times. Those were busy days, indeed. The past fifteen months, however, have been the busiest ever--number of seminars, days on the road, and lives touched. I thank God for each opportunity and am constantly reminded that the **Doorkeepers** are the ones who should have praise. It has been through their faithfulness in giving and praying that we have been able to accomplish so much for God's glory. Thank you for your partnership to provide seminars in fifty nations and most of the states in the United States.

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the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and look up" (**Psalm 5:3**). The Lord said, "I know them that love Me; and those that seek me early shall find Me" (**Proverbs 8:17**).

Prepare your mind before you read your Bible or begin praying by thinking: "This is the most important time in my day, my time to meet God, to listen to Him and to speak with Him." Note that I have said read your Bible before you begin praying. Since 1977, I have been reading through the Bible systematically each year and taking a page of notes out of my reading. You will find my Bible reading schedule in the **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar** each month. Basically, if you read three chapters a day and five on Sunday, you can read through the Bible in a year. Once you have heard from God, you are in a position to talk to Him. Usually, you will see God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit clearly and will desire to worship. **Remember to include the five elements of prayer: Adoration, C-onfession, T-hanksgiving, S-eeing for self (petition) and for others (intercession)**. Once you have done this, I believe that you will find yourself revisiting Scriptures throughout the day and having a spirit of prayer without ceasing.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

March 6--April 12, 2008

Regular	65	\$5,250.00
Martin-Kenya	2	120.00
Venezuela	36	3,929.00
Total	103	\$9,299.00



"Laborers together with God" 1 Cor 3:9

**NOTES
from my
BIBLE**

Note 1146. Quiet time is not just a helpful idea, it is absolutely necessary for spiritual growth.

Note 1147. "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."--Martin Luther

Note 1148. When we don't maintain a quiet time each day, it's not really because we are too busy, it's because we do not feel it is important enough.

Note 1149. There's an old navy rule: when ships readjust their compasses, they drop anchor in a quiet spot.

Note 1150. Late nights kill the quiet time.

A morning prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for my being able to see, to hear, to speak, to move about this morning. I'm blessed because you are a forgiving and understanding God. You have done so much for me. I have witnessed your hand of blessing, your miraculous power in my life and the lives of those I love, and you just keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for your forgiveness. Please keep me, my family, and my church family safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a positive and Christ-focused attitude and plenty of gratitude. Please clear my mind of distractions so that I can hear from you and please direct my steps today. Thank you so much, in Jesus' name. Amen.

I never begin my work in the morning without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own. I am not looking for death. I am looking for Him.

—G. Campbell Morgan

God at work in two nations: Kenya & Venezuela

Seven thousand miles apart

Kenya, East Africa

To see God at work in Kenya to reestablish a family and a ministry has been one of the most thrilling events that I have ever seen. In the March **Reflector**, I shared an article entitled "Mission Accomplished." Our effort to stand with **Martin Shikuku** and **Andrew Sakari** (pastors and prayer seminar coordinators), their families, congregations, and ministries made it possible for them to overcome the terrible hardships brought about by the post-election violence in Kenya. Through your generous giving, we made a difference.

One would expect the trauma to thwart the efforts of these men; it did not. As soon as they were back on their feet, they resumed their labors for the Lord traveling hundreds of miles to evangelize and mobilize prayer warriors in Mombasa. They ministered to displaced church members camping at the Nakuku Showground Camp, three hours away. April 8-13, Martin's church hosted around one-hundred visitors for a prayer seminar. Evangelistic meetings were conducted nightly (over 3,000 attended and 895 were saved). At the same time, he brought his people together moving from a few to close to 200 since the violence erupted.

Now their attention is to the nations around Kenya, where prayer seminars are being planned. It is amazing what God has done, and is doing, in Kenya. Our support has made a difference. Thank you for giving and praying.



ONE OF NINE SEMINARS IN VENEZUELA

Venezuela, South America



ATTENTIVE STUDENTS IN VENEZUELA

The work in Venezuela could not have gone any better. God was at work day by day in an obvious and exciting way, March 15-30. The sixteen days were memorable in many ways. First I was delayed in Atlanta for twenty-four hours due to inclement weather that was an after effect of the March 14th tornadoes in downtown Atlanta. The airport was closed about twenty minutes before we were to land. Our flight to Atlanta was diverted to Chattanooga, but before arriving there, the storms came in that direction. We finally landed in Birmingham. We got to Atlanta around 10:30 p.m. missing the flight to Caracas by twenty minutes.

The seminars could not have gone better. There were nine seminars. I preached three sermons on Easter and there were thirty-three saved. I spoke to 4,790. Over three hundred came to Christ for salvation. The first week was in Caracas and the second in Merida, a city in the Andes Mountains 500 miles from Caracas. The last seminar was taped by three cameramen from the Discovery Channel and DVD's are available. Thanks for providing 4,000 Spanish prayer seminar workbooks.

An invitation came from the head of a cable television station that covers four states to return and let them tape the seminar and play it on their station. Hopefully, we will be able to accept this amazing invitation in 2009.

Sixty-six provided the funds needed. After all obligations were met, we had a balance of \$153.16. Again, I am grateful to have partners who believe in what we are doing and give to make the work possible in other nations.

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A SCENE REPEATED MULTIPLE TIMES
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TEACHING PRAYER SEMINARS!

Nation at crossroads

The National Day of Prayer Task Force has published its 2008 National Prayer, written by **Dr. Ravi Zacharias**, Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer, which closes with these words: “Our nation is at a crossroads this year; we look to You to be our Strength and Shield. Please give us the guidance to elect one who will honor you and to respond to the wisdom from above so that our hope may be renewed and our blessings be treasured.” **Dr. Zacharias** has reflected that he does not know any time in recent memory where it has been more important for us as a nation to get on our knees before God and call upon Him for wisdom—wisdom to make the right decisions and the right choices.

God’s plain warnings

❖ To individuals:

Proverbs 29:1—“He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”

❖ To nations:

Proverbs 14:34—“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people:

Wisdom is to listen to God and obey Him.

Luther’s vision

It is said that **Martin Luther**, during a serious illness, seemed to see Satan coming to him with a great scroll, on which were written all the sins and errors of his life. Looking at him with a triumphant smile, Satan unrolled it before the saint and said, “There are your sins. There is no hope of your going to Heaven.”

Luther read the long list with growing consternation, when suddenly it flashed upon his mind that there was one thing not written there. He said aloud, “One thing you have forgotten. The rest is all true, but one thing you have forgotten, The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sins.”