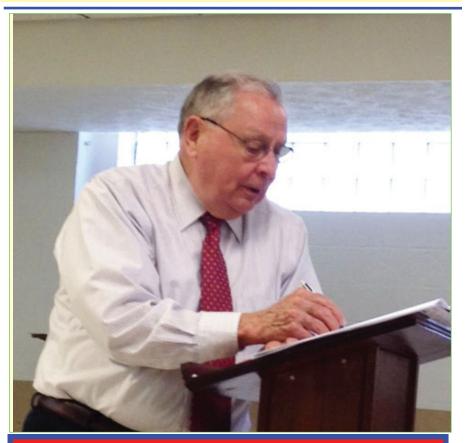
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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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PRAYER SEMINAR # 1,519

First Baptist Church Monongahela, Pennsylvania

March 24, 2012

Since September 1980, prayer seminars have been scheduled, the people of God have gathered with a prayer seminar workbook in hand under the tutelage of a teacher. The Holy Spirit has moved to bring the Word alive. Believers have been renewed and churches revived. September 30, 2015, Dr. Henry will turn eighty. His goal is to keep teaching as long as God opens doors and provides strength.

The eagle's nest

There is no doubt that the Scriptures teach that Jesus wants His church to be a praying church. In order for this to become a reality, those who have banded together in a local assembly must be praying people. Consequently, the thrust of a prayer seminar is to encourage God's children to give attention to their prayer lives.

For the first few years of the prayer seminar ministry, I included three *points of perspective* from my friend, **Jack Taylor**, that encapsulated this position. These points continue relevant today as reminders of basic truths to be considered:

- 1. No believer's spiritual life will ever rise to stay above the level of his praying. Prayer marks the level of your genuine Christian life. You are what you are on your knees, nothing more. The effectiveness of a Christian's life is gauged by his prayer life.
- 2. No church's ultimate effectiveness will rise to stay above the level of its corporate prayer life, the praying of its members. No part of a church's ministry will rise to stay about the level of its prayer ministry.
- 3. No church's corporate prayer life will be greater than the personal prayer lives of those who make up its constituency.

In the early nineties, Jack McAlister, founder of World Literature Crusade (now Every Home for Christ) and a Doorkeeper, arranged a meeting with Jack Taylor at a Dallas-Fort Worth Airport hotel just to "fellowship, pray together, and share ideas." Even today, I cherish that time. Not long afterward, I received a letter from Jack Taylor with four additional items to add to his *points of perspective*, each one right on target in reinforcing the need for individual believers to devote themselves

to prayer.

- No believer's prayer life will rise to stay above the level of his or her own personal, regular, daily time of worship with God.
- 5. No believer's practice of prayer will rise to stay about his view of prayer, thus the need to constantly keep a proper perspective on prayer. [By the way, this itself would be justification for scheduling a six-hour prayer seminar in a local church!].
- 6. Praise is an indispensible factor in the prayer life both private and public.
- 7. The only way to learn to pray is to pray.

The kind of praying church we have depends on the kind of praying people in the church. A good question to ask yourself is "If every member prayed like me, what kind of praying church would we be?"

When we have given participants in prayer seminars an opportunity to share what God had taught them during the seminar, many have cited the practical applications included in the teaching. In the Prayer Seminar Workbook (written thirty-two years ago to prepare our church for a 24/7 prayer chapel ministry), I have devoted Session 7 to personal praying. Among the practical suggestions are two basic biblical principles to follow (p 23): (1) Establish a time to meet the Lord. Set an appointment at the beginning of your day. Keep the appointment. (2) Establish a place to meet the Lord. Jesus Himself explained the value of "closet praying" (in a set place, shut place, secluded place), obviously teaching to set aside a place as free from interruptions as possible. Remember that in Jesus' day, the people kept their valuables in a closet, which means a place where there would be little interruption.



The Eagle's nest. For three decades or so, I accumulated an owl collection from around the world. Some are quite striking. I could expect a few owls as gifts at each birthday, Father's Day, Christmas, thus the collection continued to grow. Just before moving from Murfreesboro, Tennessee (our home for nineteen years), our son Mark and grandson Jamey said, "No more owls! Eagles!" Thus my eagle collection began and they have added to it.

In our office area (the terrace level of our home in Lynchburg), there is a small office that has become the repository for the eagles. It is a comfortable room that lends itself to the concept of closet praying. I have named the room, the **Eagle's Nest**. In our home, the **Eagle's Nest** is my place to steal away to "be still and know He is God" (**Psalm 46:1**), to wait before Him (**Isaiah 40:31**), and to draw near to Him as He draws near to me (**James 4:8**).

The Eagle's Nest has been very important to my daily time with God when I am home since I discovered its value. Very frankly, the longer I serve God and the older that I get, the more I need the strength

that comes from this special meeting place and time. A psychologist might explain the phenomenon by saying that when you are at the designated place "psychological set" will work for you. This is one expression that explains the rule of readiness that characterizes a good learning environment. If you have not discovered the value of an early morning appointment with God at a designated place, try it for a few days. It will not be long until you will be an advocate of this approach.

Yours in Calvary love, J. Gordon Henry

Privileged

Privileged! That's what believers are today. Do you remember that Moses alone could go to the Lord on the mountain (Exodus 24:1-18)? He alone had the privilege to approach the Lord, even to "stay there" in God's presence. God gave Moses His Word. Moses told the people. He wrote down everything the Lord said.

It's amazing to realize today that you and I share privileges accorded only to Moses. Through Jesus, God invites us to approach Him freely (Hebrews 4:16). We, too, can share the Word of God with others (Acts 8:4). Rather than writing down the Word of God, our hearts are tablets on which God Himself writes (2 Corinthians 3:3). We join with others in offering God spiritual sacrifices (Romans 12:2). We have been commissioned as God's ambassadors to reconcile others to our Lord (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). In Jesus, God has not only invited us to come to Him, but to abide with and in Him always (John 15:4, 7). Moses was a great man. But you and I have even greater privileges.

When wronged

David had been wronged by King Saul; no doubt about it. The typical urge would be to strike back. Once David himself might have felt that way. But when Saul unknowingly entered a cave where David and his men were hiding, David had grown spiritually. David's men were excited. "Look, David," they whispered. "Here's your chance! God's handed Saul over to you! You've got him now. Kill him!"

David's response teaches us how you and I as believers are to deal with those who have wronged us. David did not allow his men to harm Saul. Later he told the king, "May the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you" (1 Samuel 24:12).

How do we deal with those who wrong us? First, we turn them over to the Lord, asking Him to avenge any wrongs they may have done to us. This is a positive action, and relieves us of the feeling of being victims. We have actually "taken them to court." Not a human court, but the highest court of all. Then we simply wait for God to judge.

At the same time, we make a personal commitment. David said, "My hand shall not touch you." For us this means we determine not to take revenge, or try to repay others for the wrong they do to us.

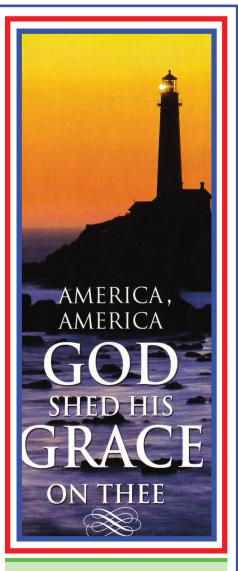
David's choice wasn't an easy one. When we're wronged, when we're angry, we want so much to strike back and hurt the person who hurt us. But the choice David made was the right choice. This is what counts to God and what should count to us.

Larry Richards

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

□ SOUTH AFRICA SEPTEMBER 12-26

□ CUBA NOVEMBER 16-30



Itinerary: 2012

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course." 2 Thessalonians 3:1

May

- 1 Hyland Heights Baptist Church Rustburg, Virginia
- 3-22 Prayer Seminars: Kenya (16 seminars)

June

1-13 Sue Henry: Taiwan



Mr. & Mrs. Silas & Alice Yashim Family - August 2011 L-R Rebecca (2nd), Alice, Ruth (3rd), Silas with Micaiah (4th), and Nevan Joy (1st)

Since April 1993, "Silas and Alice Yashmin (Nigeria)" has appeared on the Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar. When they became Doorkeepers, Silas indicated that they would have no financial support to bring, but their daily contribution would be prayer support. He has faithfully written words of encouragement, initially by post and then by e-mail and has kept us apprised of family, church, and nation. Sue and I count the Yashims as special friends.

In the May **Doorkeeper Prayer** Calendar, the citation will change to "Silas Yashim (Nigeria) because Alice now resides in Heaven. It will be better if we let Silas speak:

Our Dearest Sue & Dr. Henry, With humility and total submission to God's will in accepting the eternal heavenly call to my wife, Mrs. Alice Yashim, on Sunday 1st April, 2012. She had a stroke while singing in the Church with Women Fellowship. She was rushed to the Hospital and died the same day. Burial was on Thursday in our home town Gora Sagwaza, Kaduna State.

We were married on 30th April, 1988 – almost twenty-four years of marriage. When we married. Alice was not saved.

But glory be to God, she died in the Lord Jesus Christ. The moment of her departure was a very blessed moment, peaceful, and divine. Sunday morning, April 1, will be remembered as an interesting moment of interaction—for all who were present, including the children, calm & peaceful.

Our marriage was rough initially, but God rebuilt it, shaped it to His standard and made it fruitful. God granted us the courage, perseverance and grace to trust Him by His word of life and comfort; also by the encouragement of J. Gordon Henry Ministries since 1990 to 2012 when the marriage was finally terminated in a glorious way. In the flesh, I am disturbed, worried, and helpless to depart from my lovely wife At the very time we had began to enjoy the sweetness of marriage, God called her. It is very difficult to bear it, but God has comforted me much, not to mourn like unbelievers. In fact, God helped me to be the one comforting the sympathizers, who came crying.

I thank God for Dr. Henry & Sue, whom God has used over the years to counsel our marriage, which had become a model to others. I am happy that my wife has gone to rest with my Lord Jesus Christ. One day in God's time, we shall meet again in that glorious eternal home.

My children Rebecca, Ruth, and Micaiah send thanksgiving to you. Our first daughter Joy, a third year student studying French here in Ahnmadu Bello University, Zaria, is in Togo for the required one year study. I have called and informed her last Friday.

Once again, I need your prayers so that God will grant me the grace, patience, and all that is needed to take care of these children, in particular, our son, Micaiah who will be four years old in June. I do not know who will be taking care of him while I am away with his sisters in school. I trust God in prayer. God will surely provide more abundantly. Pray that God will help me to over come, and show me how to begin a new life with my family, in which God Almighty will be glorified. Because, now, being a Mission Elder of Church, all eyes will be on me, studying how I will conduct my life after the departure of my wife. I need God to help me to be an example to others and draw men and women to Jesus. Also, pray for my children, so that they will conduct themselves, in such a way that God will be glorified and that the death of their mother will NOT derail or discourage them, but to be strong and stand for Jesus. Pray for Ruth who begins her West African Examination Council (WAEC) today. Our parents are still alive.

Greetings to your family members and fellow **Doorkeepers**. Once again, I thank God for **J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES** and what it has meant to our lives and to our marriage to be a part of this work.

God bless you. Silas K. Yashim



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2086. "The Word and Prayer are my lifelines-my oxygen, if you will." --Paula Tipton (Taiwan)

Note 2087. NOW is the time to prepare for a future beyond the span of our years on the earth. **ARE YOU** so preparing? **Note 2088.** When you find a promise in the Bible, claim it as your own.

Note 2089. Let God's Word be your compass to set your course in life.

Note 2090. Jesus never fails! Heaven and earth may pass away, but Jesus

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2 March 19-April 16

| Regular | 46 | \$2,597.00 |
|--------------|----|------------|
| Kenya | 45 | 4,755.00 |
| Martin-Kenya | 1 | 200.00 |
| Total | 92 | 9,694.00 |



God does not ask us to do great things for Him. Instead, He seeks to do great things through us.

PRAYER CALENDAR

MAY 2012

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

TUESDAY, MAY 1

EZRA 1-3 (Kenya 41.1M)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL) Zane & Burma Abbott (VA

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC) Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

EZRA 4-6 (Kenya 41.1M)

Milcie Arnold (VA)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (VA)

Consuela Baker (NC)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA) Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

THURSDAY, MAY 3

EZRA 7-8 (Kenya 41.1M)

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

EZRA 9-10 (Kenya 41.1M)

Bob Bouchard (KY)

William & Debbie Bowden (NC)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Emilee/Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Jim & Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Mary Ann Brown (GA)

Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

NEH 1-2 (Kenya 41.1M)

Arretta Bruce (KY)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Carol Buck (NJ(

Janice Bugg (TN/China)

James Burk (IL)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA) Mary Campbell (ID)

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Laura Cannon (FL)

Joreatha Capers (FL)

Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)

Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)

David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA) Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)

Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

MONDAY, MAY 7

NEH 3-4 (Kenya 41.1M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Beverly Curtis (PA)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John & Margaret Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

TUESDAY, MAY 8

NEH 5-7 (Kenya 41.1M)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Ivy Early (NC)

Walt Edwards (NC)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

NEH 8-10 (Kenya 41.1)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE) Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

THURSDAY, MAY 10

NEH 11-13 (Kenya 41.1M)

Gloucester Co Community Ch

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam & Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Tim/Merry Gregory (Thailand)

Charles Hale (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA) Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

FRIDAY, MAY 11

ESTHER 1-2 (Kenva 41.1M)

Bruce/Gina/Sean Henry (VA) Doug Henry (TN)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Jamey Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger Henry (OH)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

ESTHER 3-4 (Kenya 41.1M)

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI) Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC) Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. Hutchins (LA)

Larry & Carolyn Hutchinson (VA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Gene/Rosemarie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN) Robert/Rhonda Johnson (FL)

MONDAY, MAY 14

ESTHER 5-7 (Kenya 41.1M)

James.Geneieve Jones (FL)

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC) Jean Jonte (SC)

Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

Mohan Kotta (IL)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA) Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)

TUESDAY, MAY 15

ESTHER 8-10 (Kenya 41.1M)

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN) Robert & Rose Klous (VA)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY) 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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 JOB 1-2 (Kenya 41.1M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD) Del & Mary Leach (VA)

Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria) Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)

Liberty Univerity (VA)

Jerry Falwell Jr, President Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)

THURSDAY, MAY 17 JOB 3-4 (Kenya 41.1M)

Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

Don & Betty Lowry (SC)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY) Dan Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH) Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

JOB 5-7 (Kenya 41.1M)

Deborah Mathias (NY) Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN) Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

R. O. & June McHaney (VA) Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Church (VA) Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors

SATURDAY, MAY 19

JOB 8-10 (Kenya 41.1M)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA) Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI) Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA) French & Laura Moore (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Katherine Morgan (VA)

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Elaine Moser (MN)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (Nigeria) Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Ann Palumbo (PA) Roger & Kay Pede (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 21

JOB 11-14 (Kenya 41.1M) Sandy Pederson (MN)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Mildred Pittman (NC)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Avers Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Jeannie & Maggie Pribble (VA)

TUESDAY, MAY 22

JOB 15-17 (Kenya 41.1M)

David & Marilyn Rainey (VA) John Reed (NH)

Dave Ricker (ME)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

JOB 18-19 (Kenya 41.1M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

Sandra Rumore (VA)

Denise Russell (OR)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

THURSDAY, MAY 24 JOB 20-21 (Kenya 41.1M)

Philip/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)

Richard/Margeret Seigfield (SC) Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH) Wonsub. YoungMi Sheen (Korea) Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch

(VA), Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Martin/Anne Shikuku (Kenya) Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

FRIDAY, MAY 25

JOB 22-24 (Kenya 41.1M)

Paul & Mary Smith (TX) Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID) Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Charles & Irene Stinson (VA

SATURDAY, MAY 26 JOB 25-28 (Kenya 41.1M)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR) William Suttles (NC) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX) Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA) Stephanie Taylor (GA)

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Earline Thigpen (TN)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

W. D. & Jackie Thomason (TN

Montez Thompson (CO) Paula Tipton (Thailand)

William & Katie Toney (NC)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

MONDAY MAY 28

JOB 29-31 (Kenya 41.1M) Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA) Sara Underwood (TN)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI(/FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

TUESDAY MAY 29

JOB 32-34 (Kenya 41.1M)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) Keith/Doris Snyder Vernall (FL)

Cliff & Marcia Vinson (Brazil)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau/Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

JOB 35-39 (Kenya 41.1M)

Kay Warmerdam (TX) Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

George/Virginia Whitner (FL)M Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)

THURSDAY, MAY 31 JOB 40-42 (Kenya 41.1M)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)) David & Lili Wykle (VA)

SilasYashim (Nigeria) Norm & Mary Zink (MI)

KENYA PRAYER COVERING NEEDED

May 3-22

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Priority

Take time to smell the lilacs
And feel the warm bright sun;
Take time to look at rainbows
Don't wait 'til work is done.
There'll always be a cobweb
Some fingermarks or rust
Weeds to pull, a lawn to mow,
And something gathering dust.
We must remember lilacs
Bloom just once a year
And you can see a rainbow
Only when it's here.



On Thanksgiving Day, 1992, Willie King Troutman (Mrs. Rollie A.), Sue Henry's mother, went into the presence of the Lord joining that "Great Cloud of Witnesses" (**Hebrews 12:1**). This poem was found in her Bible and we are sharing it in memory and honor of all our mothers as well as a tribute to Sue's family in her "Old Kentucky Home" where the sun shines bright and where the lilacs sound out the glory of God.

JGHM 28th Anniversary May 29 "We've come this far by faith, trusting in the Lord"

Sunday, March 27, 1983

Seed sown by Roland Gerdes, pastor, Sunbury Bible Church, Sunbury, Pennsylvania. "Why not let someone else be the college president and you get out on the road sharing the Word?"

Thursday, February 16, 1984

Luncheon with Attorney Paul Jennings in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to discuss organizing a non-profit corporation to sponsor the prayer seminars.

Monday, April 23, 1984

During an intense prayer session while driving between Lynchburg and Roanoke, Virginia on U. S. 460 returning home to Murfreesboro, the Holy Spirit provided the name JGHM.

Tuesday, April 24, 1984

Checking account opened with a deposit of \$190.

Monday, May 14, 1984

Malcom Troutman (Sue's brother) gave \$2,000 for the first printing of prayer seminar workbooks.

Tuesday, May 29, 1984

Chartered as J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES in Tennessee and first board meeting in Murfreesboro TN.

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Psalm 118:23

KENYA MAY 3-22, 2012



MARTIN SHIKUKU, AS A STUDENT, WITH DR. HENRY'S BOOKS

Since that infamous civil war following the December 2007 national election, we have received frequent communication from brothers and sisters in Kenya. The following are statements that I have pulled out of recent e-mails that allow us to keep the proper focus on what we can continue to do to help not only in Kenya, but other nations as well

"Our country needs healing after being deeply fractured by the post-election violence in 2007." "Kenya needs a lot of prayer work." "What you have done is to teach us how we can mobilize prayer warriors and how to train them in this vital work." "Through the Swahili Prayer Seminar Workbook [Martin Shikuku's translation], you have provided materials in an easily read format to teach and follow materials that bring the Bible alive."

May 3-22 are the 2012 dates for ministry in Kenya. Beginning on Saturday, May 5, the first of sixteen prayer seminars will be conducted in Soy, three hours west

of Nairobi. Since the order for the other seminars may change, remember that a seminar is scheduled for the next fifteen days in each of the following localities: Timboroa, Bruntforest, Cheptieret, Kiambaa, Eldoret West, Kipkarren, Turbo, Jua Kali, Iten, Ziwa, Kapsabe, Langas, Chekinioiyo, and Eldoret. Among the items for your prayer list, please include traveling safety, physical stamina and a measure of health for both me and my interpreter, receptive and alert minds for the participants, and for freedom for the Holy Spirit to do a mighty work that will bring God the Father and Jesus the Son great glory. Since he accepted the call of God to conduct prayer seminars, Martin Shikuku has faithfully done an exemplary job. Keep him, his family, and his congregation on your lips in prayer.



Martin's January 7, 2008 E-mail

Martin's January 7, 2008, e-mail tells it all. When news of the post-election violence sweeping across Kenya (centered in western Kenya where Martin lives), we became concerned about the physical safety of Martin, Anne, and their children. Little could we imagine the horror that was unfolding. We prayed and waited. Then the e-mail that we were looking for arrived.

January 7, 2008. Praise God that I am still alive and my family. {We} ran to the police station in town since 31st. The whole village is burnt down including my assistant pastor's house with everything. [We] have been sleeping outside on the ground, no food, clothes, house, communication, and so on. I managed to go back yesterday on foot for worship and thank God that they spared the church with my house though they looted everything from my house. Eleven out of my more than 200 members came for prayers totally discouraged, hungry, without a house, some with their beloved ones dead and so on. They killed my father-in-law on Monday and his body was found on Thur. in the fields around by the police now in the mortuary. I have found a small guest house in town where I am trusting God for the money to pay it and at least stay there for this month before I resettle. I escaped my children to Pastor Andrew on Fri. by the grace of God. I have postponed my Jan. 19th and 26th Prayer Seminars in Eldoret up to Feb.16th and 23rd. We cannot be separated from the great love of God (John 3:16 and Romans 5:8). Satan is totally a liar. Our battle is from victory to victory. I am in urgent need of food, shelter, clothes, money, etc. Martin and wife Anne alive in Eldoret determined to march forward in the army of the

Lord despite of the calamities. Greet Sue and Maggie.

With a broken heart, I shared with the Reflector readers that the "Little Elephants are in trouble." At the close of the 2007 prayer seminar in Glory Baptist Church, Martin and his people had given me a beautiful carved elephant with a little elephant attached saying I was the Big Elephant for the Lord in East and Central Africa: they in turn would be the Little Elephants following me into the nations with prayer seminars everywhere teaching God's people the purpose and power of prayer along with instruction on how to become prayer warriors. The response was immediate and over-whelming. Our goal was to get Martin and his ministry back on their feet. 111 of you gave \$14,142.92. Mission, with the help of the Lord and His servants, accomplished! Beyond that, funds were provided for "a van for Martin" to enable him to have adequate transportation beyond walking, riding the bus, and using a taxi. His own church ministry is thriving with a new building (the largest in west Kenya), a preschool, and a Bible institute. By the way, you provided funds for mattresses, sheets, and pillows for the institute students

Besides the large number of prayer seminars that Martin and his team have conducted, I have joined him in venues in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Republic of the Congo. Martin has called me his "mentor" and I have been reluctant to assume that mantle. But now, I see that mentoring is exactly what the Lord has called me to do (whether I feel worthy of that title or not), not only with Martin but with a host of others in many countries who are involved in the prayer seminar ministry.



UNITED IN PRAYER

Thursday, May 3, is our nation's sixty-first consecutive **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**. Join thousands of believers across America at 12 noon that day for at least five minutes of united prayer.

"TAKE 5 AT 12" TO

- Acknowledge our dependence upon God and ask His mercy to rest upon our nation.
- Give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from Him through the years.
- Recognize the need for personal and corporate renewal of moral values.
- Intercede for the healing of our nation and for guidance for our government leaders.

Praying for your nation

To Daniel, discovering the promises of God was not an alternative to praying. Rather finding God's promises from Jeremiah's writings motivated him to

pray. As Daniel considered the promise in Jeremiah concerning the duration of the captivity, he responded to God in prayer (**Daniel 9:3-19**). Why should Daniel pray when God had already promised?

Daniel recognized that the captivity period had not accomplished its purpose. The people had continued in sin and spiritual indifference. In the spirit of humility and worship, Daniel confessed sin. Though blameless himself, the prophet identified with the nation's sins. He acknowledged the consequences of their sin - the dispersion and God's curse (vv 7-11). After reflecting on God's past deliverance and mercies (v 25), he then based his petition on God's own character (v 16). He asked for God's mercy.

As we pray for America in these crucial days, keep in mind that Daniel's praying was based on what he read in the Word of God. He did not say "they" have sinned, he said "we" have sinned. He identified with the sin. Then he pled for God's mercy upon his nation. This is a worthy model to follow as we pray for America.

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