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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NATHANSONS

Missionaries to Caracas, Venezuela
JGHM Vice-President and Senior Teacher
President-Elect -- Successor to JGHM

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The story begins with a "gift" that Maryland Bible College and Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, gave to the graduating class of 1993 a prayer seminar. One of the graduating students was **ADAM NATHANSON**, a promising soccer player who had turned down a full athletic scholarship leading to Georgetown University in the District of Columbia to attend the small Bible college founded by Dr. Carl Stevens and the Greater Grace Church in Baltimore. Adam was unable to attend the prayer seminar but was given a prayer seminar workbook. .

Upon graduation Adam was off to Belo Horizonte, Brazil to teach in a newly formed Bible institute under the leadership of **Mark Schollaert**, a seasoned missionary serving with the Greater Grace Church.

In 1997, a letter from Adam arrived in our office at 2114 Arrow Court, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. "Would it be possible for you to come to Brazil and share the prayer seminar with our students?" The answer was "Yes!" The wheels began turning. The prayer seminar workbook was translated into Portuguese. A venue was established for several prayer seminars in addition to the one for the students. The time spent with the Greater Grace Team (Pastor Mark and Paula, Cliff and Marcia Vincent, Adam and Dianna. The Holy Spirit moved mightily. Adam, with his felicity for networking, constantly reached out welcoming people into a circle of acceptance and love, blessed Sue and me. Watching him share the Gospel wherever and with whomever God placed in his life was a beautiful sight to behold. Dianna, who had served as a missionary in Ecuador before their marriage, welcomed us with open arms. They soon felt like a son and a daughter to us. In time Sue prayed with them about a child and Daniel was born; later God gave them David.

It appeared that a door was open in Cuba for Adam to begin a Bible college. However, God wanted them in Venezuela as a pastor and missionary. Not only did we work together several times in Cuba, we have covered Venezuela with prayer seminars with great interest and high attendance. Dianna has not only been invaluable in building the church, she has used her teacher education skills to home school Daniel and David.

As the years have passed, I have spent more time on the road with Adam as my close companion and interpreter than any other person. The blessings have flowed like a mighty river. He has great skills in coordinating seminars dates, venues, lodging, travel, and all arrangements. I could write a book featuring incidents

The Bend in the Road

Sometimes

We come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is
the end.

But God has a much wider vision
And He knows it's only a bend
The road will go on and get
smoother

And after we've stopped for a
rest,

The path that is hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.

So rest and relax and grow
stronger,

Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter
tomorrow.

You've just come to

A bend in the road.

Helen Steiner Rice

A calm, quiet, happy life

Charles Spurgeon said: "You cannot glorify God better than by a calm, quiet, happy life. Let the world know that you serve a good Master! If you are in trouble, do not let any see that the trouble touches your spirit nay, more, do not let it trouble your spirit! Rest in God, take ill as well as good from His hand, and keep on praising Him."

In a statement that teaches much about the purpose and power of prayer, Paul admonishes Timothy to pray for those in authority that he may be able to live a quiet and peaceful life (1 Timothy 2).

from our travel that are deeply burned in my heart and mind.. God has opened doors, provided every need, and touched many lives in many nations.

In my very last visit to Caracas, Venezuela, where the Nathansons serve as missionaries, we sat around the kitchen table loving God and loving each other. Actually, I had never heard Adam's story and the personal cost he had paid for his walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, only glimpses. As Adam shared, I sat as if on holy ground. Surely the Lord was in that place. Adam concluded his story by explaining that he knew God had sent Sue and me into his life and that I was the father that he had never had. The bond was cemented. Adam, Dianna, Daniel, and David are our children and grandchildren.

I can only thank God for Adam. Literally, hundreds have trusted Christ as Savior. Thousands have been taught the purpose and power of prayer in their individual lives and in their churches and are Lighthouses of Prayer pushing against the spiritual darkness. I thank God for the young man from Baltimore who had room in his heart for Sue and me and has been the catalyst to touch so many lives in Latin America as well as the United States. God has given Adam favor with evangelical churches that thrive in Venezuela. He was invited to serve on the Steering Committee for evangelicals, which is quite an honor. The Nathansons have been used by the Lord to establish two churches in Venezuela.

After interpreting many prayer seminars, Adam and I were moving along in a seminar when he stopped and looked at me intensely: "I see this! I understand! I have repeated this

PRAY FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

aloud as I have interpreted. Now I see what you are saying! My prayer life will never be the same!" Then we resumed teaching. Adam has now moved to the next level. He is not only teaching prayer seminars on his own, he is "training" pastors and other leaders to present the prayer seminars. In a recent prayer seminar at the Shining Star Baptist Church in Middle River, Maryland, I asked Adam to teach a section of the prayer seminar workbook. As I sat there listening carefully, two declarative sentences raced through my mind: "Adam is actually teaching this material more thoroughly than I do. He is ready to assume the leadership of the prayer seminar ministry, no doubt about it."

One thing I teach is to be specific in bringing needs to the Father in the Throne Room. One of the finest examples of this element of praying is in the prayer needs listed on the Nathansons' prayer card. Remember James says "You have not because you ask not" (**James 4:2b**) and goes on to say "you ask and do not receive" when your motive is something else other than for the glory of God (**4:3**).

It is now official. When the Five-Year Plan was developed (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2020), one of the items was to mobilize prayer warriors to pray for God to lead us to a new leader for the prayer seminar ministry. The idea was for the transition to be made on or before my 85th birthday on September 30, 2020 or sooner. The prayer request was included on the "September Letter Writing Month" response form:

A SPECIAL DAILY PRAYER REQUEST: PRAY EARNESTLY EACH DAY THAT GOD WILL RAISE UP A MAN OF PRAYER, WHO WALKS IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD, TO TAKE THE REINS FOR THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER MINISTRY PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 OR SOONER. JGH/STH

Many of the Doorkeepers assured us that we could count on their prayers. After intensive conversation and praying, the JGHM Board issued the following news release from Murfreesboro, Tennessee: "JGHM has invited Adam Nathanson to assume leadership for the prayer seminar ministry with details forthcoming." Adam accepted the invitation and plans are being developed that will culminate in the transfer of leadership for the prayer seminar ministry both nationally and internationally. The goal is to complete the transfer by December 31, 2019. Until the transfer is complete and the new organization functioning, JGHM will continue to undergird the work.

First Quarter 2019

Adam Nathanson was on the road 17,040 miles with prayer seminars in Venezuela in January, Cuba in February, and Chile in March. Many pastors and teachers attended from many churches. His plans are to spend much of April in Brazil with a series of prayer seminars in Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre. He continues to teach in the U.S.



Seminário de Oração

J. Gordon Henry Ministries



Ministrado em Belo Horizonte
pelo PR. Adam Nathson
Baltimore – USA

"A IMPORTÂNCIA DA ORAÇÃO NA VIDA DO CRISTÃO"

Local: IGREJA GRAÇA MAIOR Rua Campos Sales, 134, B. Calafate, BH
Dia 20/04 - Sábado - 13:30hs

Conteúdo

- Sessão 1 - O que é a oração
- Sessão 2 - Exemplos bíblicos de oração
- Sessão 3 - Orando em nome de Jesus
- Sessão 4 - O Espírito Santo e a oração
- Sessão 5 - Obstáculos na oração
- Sessão 6 - O pecado de deixar de orar
- Sessão 7 - Preparando-se para orar
- Sessão 8 - ATOS - Oração Pessoal
- Sessão 9 - A Canção de Oração

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Our unnamed coordinators in Pakistan conducted a leaders' prayer seminar in April with over 100 pastors/teachers participating. Due to unrest, this type of evangelical meeting is challenging as far as logistics and safety are concerned. The prayer seminars are well received. Don't forget to pray for our brothers and sisters in other nations.

Out of touch

Most Christians at the present time are dangerously out of touch with the Word of God. Not out of sight—that is a very different thing. Bibles are all around us. But we are still out of touch. To be really in touch with the Word of God is to live in it, be steeped in it, be repeatedly searched and shaken by it, be constantly lighted and lifted by it, be unceasingly cleansed, corrected, and controlled by it. **It is dangerous to be out of touch with the Word of God.** The effects are disastrous.

Decisions determine destiny.

Why not think about your ways? David said, "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:59). Do you know where your Bible is? Is it time to do a SPIRITUAL INVENTORY? Dwight L. Moody observed that he had never seen a useful Christian who was not in the Word of God. Are you a useful Christian?

If your assessment leads you to conclude that you neglect the Word of God in your lifestyle, **don't waste time in regret.** Schedule a time today and tomorrow and each day ahead to (1) pick up your Bible; (2) hold it in your hands; (3) breathe a prayer for God to speak to you out of the Word: "Open Thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law" (Psalm 119:18); (4) open it; and (5) read until you know that you are in touch with the God of the Word. Don't live dangerously.

**ROPEHOLDER
DOORKEEPERS
ARE NEEDED
FOR THE NATIONS.**

In the Steps of Martin



In addition to his responsibilities as pastor-teacher at the Glory Baptist Church, Martin is actively involved with the Baptist Convention of **Kenya** as well as the local ministerial organization. His leadership skills and his humble spirit of servanthood are well known throughout his nation.

During First Quarter 2019, Martin conducted 8 prayer seminars with 621 participants from 228 churches. 238 were pastors and 106 came to Christ.

April 14-21, Martin organized an outreach week for Eldoret, located in the beautiful Rift Valley (where long distant runners train). The crusade began on Sunday afternoon with a Jesus March. Door to door evangelism was carried out each morning, training in the afternoon, and evening services. Teams joined them from Tanzania, Kakamega and Mukhuru. 3,700 were reached with the Gospel. 346 confessed Christ as their Savior.

An amazing blessing came. The normal rains had not arrived with no rain for over six months. "It was bad all over," Martin reported. The believers prayed for needed rain and at 10 p.m. that evening, the heavens opened up, not only in Eldoret but throughout the country. The people of God are rejoicing at the power of prayer.

A clear vision

Dear Lord, give us a clear vision that we may know where to stand, and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.

—Peter Marshall

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Ira Mae Covington Henry (Mrs. Lee)
December 1899–May 1970

I keep two photos of my Mom on my desk and this is one of them. She taught me that "anything that is worth having is worth working for" and "where there is a will, there is a way." One day there will be a Reunion Day in Heaven!

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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 5001. Spiritual commitment to the Father in Heaven continues to be the foundation for national as well as personal well-being.

Note 5002. Seeking the Lord is the first step in every national and personal revival/renewal.

Note 5003. For God to use us to bring revival, we must cleanse our lives of everything contrary to Godliness in our lifestyles.

Note 5004. Revival is rooted in a return to His Word.

Note 5005. Keeping our eyes on the Lord as the sole source of help is a vital key to revival.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

March 18–April 25, 2019

Regular	70	\$6,325.00
Ropeholders	5	<u>2,220.00</u>
Total	75	\$8,545.00



1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Welcome, New Doorkeeper!
Kathleen Boyce (PA)

PRAYER CALENDAR**MAY 2019***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1*Ezra 1-3 (Argentina 44.3M)*

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Norma Ailes (FL)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David/Eunjoo Andeersen (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 2*Ezra 4-6 (Brazil 207.4M)*

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Marcia Barna (PA)

Tim Bash (NJ) *GCCC*

Emily Baskin (TN)

FRIDAY, MAY 3*Ezra 7-8 (Chile 17.8M)*

Jean Beasley (TN)

Linda Beattie (PA)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Loretta Bolen (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 4*Ezra 9-10 (Cuba 11.2M)*

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)

Kathleen Boyce (PA)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurline Braud (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

MONDAY, MAY 6*Neh 1-2 (Dominican Republic 10.7M)*

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Eileen Camarena (NJ)

Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

TUESDAY, MAY 7*Nehemiah 3-4 Honduras 6M)*

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Philip/Jennifer Cooke (VA)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster/ Ravenna Covington (VA)

Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8*Nehemiah 5-7 (Kenya 47.6M)*

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

Tina Darden (MD)

Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Robert/Janice DeLong (VA)

Carolyn Dodd (VA)

Jo Anne Dudley (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 9*Nehemiah 8-10 (Nicaragua 8M)*

Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)

Katherine Eaton (ME)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Freedom Through Faith (MD)

Bob Tribodeau, Pastor

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

FRIDAY, MAY 10*Nehemiah 11-13 (Nigeria 191.6M)*

James Fugate (CA)

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 11*Esther 1-2 (Singapore 5.9M)*

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN)

Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

Jim Hengoe (CT)

William/Sara Hefner (PA)

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Gina Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

James/Kat/Ellie Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 13*Esther 3-4 (South Africa 54.8M)*

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry/Sandra/Jeff Hodge (VA)

Bill Hogan (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

TUESDAY, MAY 14*Esther 5-7 (USA 328M)*

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Mark & Debbie Jennifer (MD)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Iris Johnson (MD)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15*Esther 8-10 (Venezuela 31.3MK)*

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Judy Jordan (VA)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church

(KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 16**Job 1-2 (Tanzania 54M)**

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

FRIDAY, MAY 17**Job 3-4 (Indonesia 260.6M)**

Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Delores Liely (MD)
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

SATURDAY, MAY 18**Job 5-7 (Malaysia 31.4M)**

Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Bob & Heidi Matney (VA)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Nancy McPherson (ME)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Keith & Joan Mistretta (ME)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 NE Baptist College (VT)

Mark Ballard, President
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
 Peter Dorn, Pastor

MONDAY, MAY 20**Job 8-10 (Pakistan 204.9M)**

Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)

Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
 Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Elbert/Barbara Powell (VA)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

TUESDAY, MAY 21**Job 11-14 (Peru 31M)**

Marjorie Randall (TX)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Joyce Riley (KY)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**Job 15-17 (Brazil; 207.4M)**

John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 Steve Schrank (IL)
Sam & Jill Scott (VA)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)

THURSDAY, MAY 23**Job 18-19 (Chile 11.2M)**

Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)
 C. L. Adams, Pastor
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

FRIDAY, MAY 24**Job 20-21 (Cuba 11.2M)**

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron Taylor (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 25**Job 22-24 (England 66.6M)**

Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Cathy Tilton (VA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Peggy Tomayko (PA)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Carroll/Ouida Troutman (KY)

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Diane Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

MONDAY, MAY 27**Job 25-28 (France 67.1M)**

Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

TUESDAY, MAY 28**Job 29-31 (Germany 80.6M)**

Mary Ann Voss (DE)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**Jpb 32-34 (Romania 21.5M)**

Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 30**Job 35-39 (Ukraine 44 M)**

Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)

FRIDAY, MAY 31**Job 40-42 (USA 328M)**

Jon & Selena Wood (PA)
 Layden Wood (VA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)
 Frank Bell, President
 Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)

DAILY INTERCESSION

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA): JGHM LEADERS
Adam Nathanson, Vice-President & Senior Teacher
President-Elect as Successor of JGHM

Relying on God has to
 begin all over again
 every day as if nothing
 had yet been done."



INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ben & Judy Armacost (England/Europe)
Luciana Bongarra (Argentina)
Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Digmar & Lisbeyis Garcia (Cuba)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
Roberto & Joana Waisman (Brazil)
Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

PRAY FOR SAFETY AND THAT
THE WORD OF THE LORD
WILL HAVE FREE COURSE.



**Digmar Garcia's Goal: Lighthouses
 of Prayer in Each Cuba Province**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For anyone living in the Central
 Virginia Area, Dr. Henry is
 scheduled to speak at Beulah
 Baptist Church, Leesville Road,
 Lynchburg VA at
 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.
 The Henrys are available for
 a limited number of prayer
 seminars during the remainder of
 2019. Six hours teaching
 time is required. Submit three
 possible dates and we
 will get back to you.

H **Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)**
E **Bryan Ayers (KY)**
A **Ron Gavette [Kay] (VA)**
L **Melody Henry (VA)**
T **Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY)**
H **Edra Landers [Phil] (OK)**
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
Betty Sommers [Walt] (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)

35th ANNIVERSARY MAY 29, 2019



"We've come this far by faith trusting in the Lord"

Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen,
and called its name Ebenezer, saying,

"Thus far the LORD has helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12).

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| March 27, 1983 | Seed sown by Roland Gerdes, pastor, Sunbury (PA) Bible Church: "Why not get out on the road sharing the prayer seminar?" |
| February 16, 1984 | Luncheon with Attorney Paul Jennings (TN) to discuss forming a non-profit corporation to sponsor the prayer seminar ministry. |
| April 23, 1984 | Holy Spirit provided the name JGHM while driving between Lynchburg and Roanoke, Virginia |
| April 24, 1984 | JGHM Checking account opened with a deposit of \$190. |
| May 14, 1984 | Malcom Troutman contributed \$2,000 for first printing of prayer seminar workbooks. |
| May 29, 1984 | Ministry chartered as <u>J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES</u> in Tennessee.
6:30 a.m. First meeting of the Board of Directors, held at Shoney's Restaurant, 223 NW Broad Street, Murfreesboro, at which time Dr. F. Murray Mathis, pastor, Third Baptist Church, was elected chairman, a position he continues to hold. Sue Henry was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Sue Webb was secretary. |

Thanks to the graciousness of Paul Jennings, we were soon settled in a beautiful suite of offices at 201 W. Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee just on the Square, our home until Friday, September 11, 1987 when We moved into a small office nestled in our back yard at 2114 Arrow Court, Murfreesboro. This was our home until April 2002.

Is prayer profitable?

When Job described wicked men, one of his most scathing criticisms of them was their attitude toward God. "Leave us alone!" they would say. "We have no desire to know your ways. Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him? What would we gain by praying to Him?" (**Job 21:14-15**).

Perhaps nothing so reveals a man's heart as his prayer life. Does he pray? Does he believe God answers prayer? Or does he ask with the skeptics, "What would we gain by praying to Him?" Does prayer really make a difference? Is prayer profitable? Won't God what needs to be done anyway whether I pray or not? It is very important for these questions to be answered; otherwise, a person will never get excited about prayer and will never exercise the discipline necessary to become a praying person.

Of all the disciplines in the Christian life, prayer and Bible reading are the most neglected. A major reason for the failure to pray is the lack of understanding the place prayer holds in God's plan. When this insight comes, most believers willingly enter into prayer and will "[strive] to lay hold of [God]" (**Isaiah 64:7**).

The penetrating question found in **Job 21:15** causes us to face the question, "Is prayer profitable? Does it really make any difference if I pray?"

It does make a difference. The fact is that God's intention always has been for His children to order their lives around prayer. Prayer history begins with these words, "then began men to call upon the name of the Lord" (**Genesis 4:26b**).

Prayer occasions God's action. God acts when His people pray. Think

of **2 Chronicles 7:14**, often called the revival text of the Bible: "... 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Notice those two words: "if . . . then."

God is sovereign because He alone has the final say in every matter. The sovereign God has ordained prayer as the undergirding, primary tool for all His work. God's will related to prayer is revealed plainly in the Scriptures. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (**Jeremiah 33:3**). This is a command. Consequently, prayer is not an option: it is commanded by God.

In the New Testament, James reminds us, "You do not have, because you do not ask God" (**James 4:2b**). "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (**James 5:16b**).

One of the tricks of Satan is leading us to believe prayer is simply a desirable exercise. Not so! It is an essential exercise, though terribly neglected by believers. In fact, it is more than an area of neglect: prayerlessness is sin. Thus Samuel assured the people of Israel, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you" (**1 Samuel 12:23**).

I'm not a military strategist, but I know that you will never win the war if you don't know where the battle is being fought and, whether you have acknowledged it or not, we are in a spiritual battle from the moment we're saved.

In **Ephesians 6:10-18**, Paul plainly describes the battle and advises the Christian to put on the whole armor of God. We have been so involved in figuring out the armor that we've neglected to see where the battle is being fought. Therefore, we don't engage in the battle, but spend our time on the fringes doing things that are perhaps good, but are inconsequential as far as eternity and souls are concerned. The first activity mentioned after the armor is described is clearly prayer (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Satan does not want you to understand this because you'll never be a threat to him and his cause apart from prayer. Do anything you want to do, and he'll not bother you; begin to pray and he'll put you on his hit list. Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.

Do you understand the place of prayer? God moves in response to the prayers of His people. Although our finite minds cannot understand "why" this is God's way, isn't it time that we simply obeyed Him and became involved in the battle? Every believer, including you, can begin today to make a tremendous difference in lives and circumstances through prayer.

In God's plan the practice of searching the Scriptures was never intended to be divorced from the practice of prayer. Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain

in you," here is the place of Bible study "ask whatever you wish," and here is the place of prayer "and it will be given you" here is God's promise (**John 15:7**).

Begin today to pray more consistently. Make a prayer list of concerns in your mind and on your heart. Begin to bring these before the Lord and you will see Him begin to move. He answers prayer! People get saved when God's people pray for them.

Take Time to Pray

Most Christians put prayer high on their list of failures and deficiencies. Several years ago, a college student said, "I have a prayer life, but it is nothing to write home about right now."

What about your personal altar? Is it broken down and deserted? Take measure of your prayer life. What has happened to the practice of prayer in your life?

No believer's spiritual life will ever rise above the level of his praying. You are what you are on your knees—nothing more. Regular daily contact with your Source of spiritual life, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, is absolutely necessary.

Average Christians fail in their prayer lives because they do not set apart a definite time and place to meet the Lord daily. Would you expect to be healthy if you ate a meal only once a week? Of course not! The same is true of your spiritual life.

Here's a workable plan on how to begin and maintain a morning meeting with the Lord. Sink your roots deeply into a **DAILY DEVOTIONAL LIFE**. Without a **QUIET TIME**, you will not grow spiritually as you should.

Here are some suggestions for starting your daily time with the Lord:

ESTABLISH IN YOUR MIND THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

You do what you consider important. You have spent a lifetime developing patterns of behavior which have become habits in your life. In order to establish a prayer time, you will need to develop new habits. As you are in the process of doing this, you will be pulled between old habits and the new ones; that's normal, so expect it. Make up your mind that each day you will find a time to be alone with Christ. Set a specific time to meet the Lord in prayer.

DESIGNATE A TIME AND A PLACE

Begin each day with God. If you normally get up at 6 a.m., plan to get up at 5:45 a.m. to have minutes for God. **THIS IS A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE.** If we follow the example of Jesus, it will be a morning hour. You may need to get to bed earlier so you can meet your appointment with God.

Jesus gave His disciples the model prayer, expressing a manner of praying for us to follow. That prayer does not lend itself to any other time than the early morning. You would not ask God for your daily bread, for example, after your day was over. Neither would you need deliverance from temptation when you are about to go to sleep.

A major reason why it should be the first part of your day is that we should bring God in on the beginnings; we should not wait until we have messed up our day and then go to God.

The place of prayer should be private. Jesus suggested a place that is quiet, secluded, and shut. Designate a place which will be your altar of prayer. Use that place exclusively for your time with God.

Remember, you must in your mind and heart make prayer a priority enough to schedule a time for prayer in your daily life just as you schedule eating and sleeping. You can do it! Ask God to help you: "Lord, I look forward to meeting You the first thing in the morning for a few minutes. When I awaken, I have an appointment with you."

HOW TO USE THE TIME DAILY

Have a Bible and pencil handy. As you read the Word and put the proper information into your mind, you program your day to let Christ be Lord of your life.

Let God speak to you directly through His Word. Read a brief portion and think about what you are reading. Open your heart to God, offering Him the right to teach, to discipline, to direct you as you study. You will be surprised at what He is ready to do for you.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

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**HAVE YOU EVER SAID,
'I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE
A PRAYING CHURCH.'
A PRAYER SEMINAR MIGHT
BRING THAT DESIRE TO
FRUITION.**

Why a Prayer Seminar? Fruitless Christians!

Although it is painful to acknowledge, **many believers are fruitless.** Following the principles of horticulture, it is not difficult to understand that the fruit of a Christian is another Christian like kind bearing like kind. Frequently believers mistake the fruit of a Christian with the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**). Consequently, they settle for seeking fruit that can only be produced by the Holy Spirit. Frankly, it would not be surprising in an average Sunday morning congregation to find that 95 out of 100 are fruitless! So, what are we going to do? Close the door of the church or throw in the towel?

In 1983, God showed me clearly from **Luke 13:6-9** what is needed to change the situation. If you want to know what to do, study that passage. The context, along with other references, identify the barren fig tree as the nation Israel. It could very well be that the three years mentioned in verse seven refer to the length of Jesus' public ministry, which was rapidly drawing to a close. However, it was common knowledge that a fig tree normally took three years to bear fruit. But, Israel is not the one expected to bear fruit today; rather, the fig tree is a Christian. We are to bear fruit.

When the owner of the vineyard came the third year and found no fruit, he instructed the keeper of the vineyard to cut it down, asking "Why use up the ground?" But the keeper of the vineyard replied, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. Then if it bears fruit, well; if not, then we can cut it down."

Why a prayer seminar? Over and over across the years, we have seen the Holy Spirit dig around roots and put fertilizer in during the six hours of the prayer seminar. We have regularly watched as the Holy Spirit broke up fallow ground as believers experienced an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastors testify that the spiritual impact of a prayer seminar made a difference in their personal lives, as well as in the lives of their people and recommend that other churches schedule seminars. We have many letters of reference available upon request.

Your help needed. More than anything, we need prayer support. Please pray specifically for open doors. Then, tell a friend if the prayer seminar has helped you! If you need more prayer seminar brochures, let us know. If you would like a sample of the prayer seminar workbook to show others, let us know and we will get one to you. Many will schedule a seminar when they know! It may be that some of you would like to serve as a coordinator for a prayer seminar in your area. JGHM will provide suggestions and will work closely with you to bring about a prayer seminar where you live, worship, and work.

National Day of Prayer IN A POST-CHRISTIAN NATION

Let us arise, then, at last,
For the Scripture stirs us up, saying,
"Now is the hour for us to rise from sleep." (Romans 13:11)

Many point out, rightly so, that some will participate in public services related to the **National Day of Prayer** who are not on praying ground. Is it wrong for Christians who are on praying ground (and there are few comparatively speaking who are) to participate knowing this is true? Let me explain my views on this important question in the light of where our nation is at this moment. These thoughts are written with genuine believers in mind.

The scripture that is often claimed by Christians, and rightly so, 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. When God's children meet God's conditions, there will be healing for the nation.

Some years ago, Sue and I were invited to lead a Pastors-Wives' conference for a small denomination in the Baptist conference center in Talladega, Alabama. My part was to share the prayer seminar. A few months later, I was on the campus of their college preparing them for a visit from an accreditation team. The Academic Dean asked if we could have some personal time together. When we met, he explained how helpful the prayer seminar was to him personally. He cited the teaching on the healing of a nation that is included in the seminar. He asked, "Does this include a family?" Although I had not thought of it in those terms, my response was rapid, "Yes. It includes every family my family, your family. Does your family need healing? When we meet God's formula for healing, we will see great and mighty changes. America needs healing. Included in the formula is humbling ourselves, praying specifically for His hand to move, seeking His face (which does not change God because He will never be any greater than He already is, but will change us!), and turning from sin (which requires asking Him to convict us of our sins and then dealing with them in repentance and confession. A good model to follow is David in **Psalms 139:23-24**.

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,



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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. The Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Nashville was a highlight with participants coming from across Tennessee. The Word of God was presented clearly in a very worshipful atmosphere. Many of us left knowing that we had gathered on "holy ground" because the Spirit of the Lord was there to guide and direct to see that the Word of God was alive in our hearts.

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: **JGHM** provided a table placard for each individual setting (and a supply was available for anyone wishing to take some home with them) with the following message:

TAKE 5 AT 12 noon

Join thousands of others across America at 12 noon on Thursday, May 2, 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 67th consecutive **National Day of Prayer** be special in your life and in the life of a nation that in many ways has forgotten and forsaken God whom our forefathers acknowledge in the founding documents of the United States.