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RETURN TO PLACETAS



**Beautiful First Baptist Church, Placetas, Cuba
Unchanged from January 1960--Looks the same!**

What I felt in my heart in returning to Gethsemane First Baptist Church, Placetas, Cuba, after fifty years is really indescribable. Upon arrival, the young pastor and his wife, **Digmar and Linet Lugo**, welcomed me with open hearts and arms. I felt at home.

During the Sunday morning message, the unction of the Holy Spirit rested upon my interpreter, **Adam Nathanson**, at a level well described by a comment from a gentleman (eleven days older than I am) made to **Adam**: “You were able to transmit Dr. Henry’s heart full of emotion into words that arrived into our hearts. Thank you so much for coming.”

After finishing my message to a packed house, a lady stood and asked to speak. She

said she was one of the seventy saved in 1960 and was baptized. Then another lady stood to say that she, too, came to the Lord in the services. Another lady said that the 1960 meetings changed the lives of her family. Not only did she accept Christ as Savior, her three sisters and brother did as well. She became a lay leader in a house church that was organized into the second Baptist church in the area. As others shared that they, too, trusted Christ in 1960, my heart overflowed with joy and thanksgiving. Several said that their brother or sister who were in the seventy who were saved have now finished their course on earth and are now residing in Heaven. Praise the Lord.

Perspective

“And be ye thankful.” I am glad for Thanksgiving. It is a reminder to us all that we ought to pause more often to give thanks to the Lord. We are usually quick to present our petitions to Him; but, sad to say, are often careless in offering our praise.

We are taught as youngster to say “Thank you” when someone does something for us. To fail to do so would be considered bad manners. But how many times daily does our God intervene on our behalf, answer our prayers, supply our needs, give us grace for our burdens and yet we hurry on our way without so much as a quick “Thanks.” The sin of ungratefulness is a serious sin.

“Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name; for the Lord is Good (**Psalm 100:4-5a**). Let’s each one find a few quiet minutes this Thanksgiving that we can invest on our knees before the throne of grace. And let us there offer unto the Lord our praise for His manifold blessings.

But let’s not stop there! A thankful heart’s expression of praise ought to be continual. As believer-priests, that is to be one of our spiritual sacrifices. “Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name” (**Hebrews 13:15**).

Thankfulness is not only a responsibility, It is also a result a result of being Spirit-filled. After His command to be filled with the Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**), the Lord lists for us the results of that filling: joy (v 19), thankfulness (v 20), and obedience (v 21). According to **Colossians 3:15-17**, a thankful heart is also a result of a heart that is filled with the Word of God. If a Christian slips away from the Word, his heart will cease to be grateful. If we allow the Word to dwell in us abundantly, our hearts cannot help but swell with praise to God.

The Greek word for “thanksgiving” comes from the word for “grace.” Certainly as we consider God’s grace manifested toward us in

such abundance, His grace will cause a song of thanksgiving in our hearts producing praise on our lips. Count your many blessings!

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

A Favorite Thanksgiving Verse

“[Praise the Lord], Who daily [not every now and then] loads [not a little, but a lot] us with benefits.”
Psalm 68:19a

God’s bookworms

That prince of preachers, the late **C. H. Spurgeon**, found on the table of a Scottish wayside inn a worm-eaten Bible. Holding it up to the light he noticed only one hole through which the light shone. One worm, it seems, had begun at **Genesis** and eaten through to **Revelation**, and **Spurgeon** prayed, “Lord, make me a bookworm like that.” Such a bookworm never turns into an earthworm. It will have wings by and by. Are you one of God’s bookworms?

A. C. Dixon

Remembering Jeff

Our hearts go out to **Doorkeeper Joyce Riley** (our sister-in-law) in the death of her son **Jeff Troutman** who died unexpectedly on September 27 at his home in Grand Chute, Wisconsin. We appreciated your prayers for Sue as she traveled to be with her family in Kentucky. Once again, we remember that no one has a promise of tomorrow. We must remember that each day is God’s gift to us and use it well. We will miss **Jeff**, who would have been forty-eight on October 20, and his gentle spirit and strong work ethic.

The East and Central Africa Story

[Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania]

In **April-May 2006**, I traveled to **Kenya** to teach a course on prayer at the East Africa Bible Institute with around 100 pastors as students. One was **Martin Shikuku**, pastor of a relatively new church in **West Kenya (Eldoret in the Rift Valley)**. His humble spirit caught my attention. I agreed to work with him to schedule seminars in **West Africa** in 2007. His response to what he had learned was to translate the prayer seminar workbook into **Swahili**. He began to teach seminars far and wide.

Following the post-election violence in **December 2007** and early **January 2008**, **Martin** had to flee with his family (wife **Anne**, four children, and two foster children) to **Eldoret** where they slept on the ground. Nothing was left at his church and home; his father-in-law was murdered. Our ministry decided to provide financial assistance to **Martin** to re-establish his ministry. Funds were provided for living quarters and basic furnishings, utensils and such. Even when it was dangerous to do so, **Martin** did not miss one Sunday morning service. Later, we were able to provide financial assistance for him to purchase his first automobile. He founded a Bible institute and a preschool ministry. He has been constantly on the go carrying the Gospel and teaching God's children the purpose and power of prayer. Very frankly, he would be at the top of my list of young men whose prospects are to do a mighty work for the Lord in evangelism and discipling for years to come.

March 12-30, 2009, **Martin** and I joined in a **Venture of Faith** moving into **Central Africa: Uganda, Rwandi, Burundi, and Democratic Republic of the the Congo**. **Martin** coordinated the scheduling and the travel and did a superb job.



**The “Big Elephant” and
the “Little Elephants”**

One area of **Kenya** where “big elephant” (Martin’s designation for me) has not taught is **Mombasa**, a large resort city on the Indian Ocean. For several years, the “little elephants” (Martin’s designation for himself and others) have been teaching prayer seminars in that area. It has been his dream that I come and teach personally. In addition, he has arranged seminars in five major cities in **Tanzania (Tanga, Dar Es Salaam, Dodoma, Arusha, Mwanza)**. Due to the extensive interest, it is necessary to limit enrollment in each seminar to 50 pastors. Excitement is burning high.

The dates are **November 11 - November 30**. The budget has been established at **\$9,000** (international travel, domestic travel, lodging, food for participants, publicity, Swahili prayer seminar workbooks and pens). Not only is this a very large need, the time is short for the funds to come due to the dates of our Cuba work. **PRAY!**

THANKSGIVING 2010



“Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in Heaven [and] in everything give thanks.”
Lamentations 3:41, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

He abides

“Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none” (**Psalms 69:20**).

Once again, **David’s** plight becomes an avenue of praise. In his flight from the jealous rages of **Saul**, David sought comfort and refuge with **Ahimelech**, priest of Nob (**1 Samuel 21**), with **Achish**, king of Gath (**chap. 22**) even with Israel’s arch enemies, the **Philistines** (**chap. 27**). Yet he found no comforter like the Lord; and he finally said, “Let heaven and earth praise Him . . . For God will save Zion” (**Psalms 69:34-35**).

Under the New Covenant the Holy Spirit has the role of **Comforter (Paraclete)**. This is the Holy Spirit’s specialty. Five times in **John’s** Gospel, Jesus promised specific benefits from the “**Paraclete**,” literally, one called along side to act as both a Comforter and an Advocate. First, knowing that He would shortly be returning to the Father, Jesus promised that the Spirit-Comforter or Helper, would *abide* with us forever (**John 14:16**). Praise God for the continuing presence of the indwelling, overflowing work of the Holy Spirit, given to us as a down payment or deposit as a pledge of the glory to come when Jesus returns (**2 Corinthians 1:22**).

Second, Jesus promised that the Comforter would *teach* His disciples, bringing to their remembrance His words, and guide them into

all truth (**John 14:26; 16:13**). We can hardly imagine how bereft the disciples of Jesus would have been, and how impoverished we would be, had not the divine Helper inspired them to recall and record the teaching of Jesus in what has become the Scriptures of the New Testament. Further, though of less authority than the absolute finality of the written Word, the Church still continues to receive truth ignited through the Spirit’s gift of prophecy. These “words” are greatly enabling, helping us to respond to new situations in the power and wisdom of the Spirit’s prompting and edification (See **Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10; Ephesians 4:11**).

Third, the Comforter would also *testify* of Jesus (**John 15:26**). He does this by animating our witness and by confirming the Word of the Gospel with signs of power and grace. The Holy Spirit has unlimited power to demonstrate through the Church that “Jesus is still alive and well,” and that His Kingdom power is unrestricted by either the flesh or devil.

Fourth, Jesus promised that the Helper would *convict* the world “of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come” (**John 16:8**). Conviction basically means conscious or aware of sin. For the Christian, He uses the Word as a mirror to show how God sees us. Conviction is the beginning point to bring us to repentance and confession. A pastor, an evangelist, or a teacher cannot bring conviction since that is the prerogative of the Holy Spirit. What we can do is to “preach,” “proclaim,” and “teach” the Word. The Holy Spirit then brings that Word alive to bring conviction.

During the prayer seminar, much attention is given to providing basic teaching on the Holy Spirit. Knowing His role in our daily lives makes a tremendous difference.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Thanksgiving and prayer

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (**Philippians 4:6**).

I see so close a connection between prayer and praise in the Bible, that I dare not call that true prayer in which thanksgiving has no part. It is not for nothing that Paul says, “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving” (**Colossians 4:2**). We should never open our lips in prayer without blessing God for that free grace by which we live, and for that loving kindness which endureth forever.”

J. C. Ryle

PARAMETERS OF THANKSGIVING

“In everything, give thanks”
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Itinerary

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

November

11-30 East Africa Prayer Seminars

Kenya:
Mombasa

Tanzania:
Tanga
Dar Es Salaam
Dodoma
Arusha
Mwanza

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Salvation in Cuba



One of the Cuba house church leaders tarried after the seminar for her area. She explained that her husband was unsaved. She, Adam, and I prayed in agreement for his salvation. Two days later, the seminar was outside the city in the suburbs. When I needed someone to help demonstrate the Holy Spirit as the **Paraclete** (the Helper), a distinguished looking man came forward. I did not know that he was the leader’s husband. When she arrived home following her seminar, he began to read the Spanish prayer seminar workbook and said that he did not go to sleep until he had read every word. He was amazed there was so much information about prayer in one document. He decided to attend a seminar. When I invited unsaved people to trust Jesus, he did. He was thrilled and rejoiced. We found out he was a retired army officer (thirty-two years service) and was teaching in the Medical College. Sometimes we see an answer to intercessory prayer quickly.

Not only were the participants considered leaders of the house churches, both Adam and I were impressed with their knowledge of the Bible. They were quoting Scriptures along with us. Their participation (both in group reading and in individual reading) reflected that they were well grounded. During the period when the plan of salvation is presented, most everyone indicated that they could tell others where they were when they were saved. I have seldom found groups that could do that at the level demonstrated. Many expressed deep appreciation for the seminar and the prayer seminar workbook.

Thanksgiving

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord” (Psalm 92:1 KJV)

“Tune my heart to sing Thy praise.” When our hearts are tuned to praise, we will see causes unnumbered, which we had never seen before, for thanking God. Thanksgiving is spoken of as a “sacrifice well pleasing unto God.” It is a far higher offering than prayer. When we pray, we ask for what we want or we tell Him our sorrows. We pray, in order to bring down blessings upon ourselves and others. We praise because our hearts overflow with love to God, and we must speak it out to Him. Praise flows out of pure love, and then the love goes back to our hearts, and warms them anew, and revives and quickens them.

Thank you

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). “I always thank God for you” (1 Corinthians 1:4). “I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers” (Philemon 4). “The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you” (Numbers 6:24-25).

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2010 First Nine Months. 2010 was designated a special year for the prayer seminar ministry because it is the 30th year. This has been an exciting nine months for the prayer seminar ministry. PRAISE GOD!

Robert Hall Glover (China Inland Mission) pointed out that all disciples of Christ are, indeed, missionaries: “Some must go, some must let go, some must help go.” Going is for everyone, in one way or another.

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On Thanksgiving Day, I will give special thanks for the **DOORKEEPERS** who make the prayer seminar ministry possible. Will you join me?



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1196. Pray, always pray; though weary, faint,

and lone. Prayer nestles by the Father’s sheltering throne.

--A.B. Simpson

Note 1197. Our thanks to God should always precede our requests.

Note 1198. You have given so much to me, Give one thing more, a grateful heart.--
George Herbert

Note 1199. Learn to say, “thank you;” it will transform your life. Start with God.

Note 2000. Count your blessings, name them one by one; then, thank Him for a few of them by telling Him why you are thankful Your heart will be wonderfully

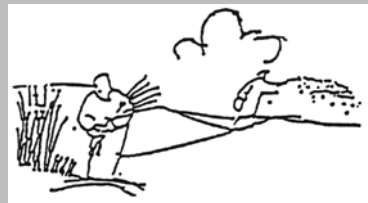
DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

October 16--November 18

Regular	86	\$12,361.00
Cuba	3	149.00
Kenya-Tanzania	2	400.00
Total	91	\$12,910.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Welcome! New Doorkeepers!

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Sandy Pederson (MN)

Wonsub & Young-Mi Sheen (S. Korea)

PRAYER CALENDAR**November 2010**

“I will give myself to prayer...”

Psalm 109:4b**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1****ACTS 1-4 (Liberia 3.3M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Burnace Abrams (OH)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (NJ)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**ACTS 5-7 (Libya 6.2M)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
 Carolyn Barkley (NY)
 Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**ACTS 8-9 (Liech. 34,498)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Frank Bell (TN)
 Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
 Bob & Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**ACTS 10-12 (Lithuania 3.6M)**

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
 Gordon/ Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Em & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Mary Ann Brown (GA)
 Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**ACTS 13-15 (Luxembourg 486,006)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)
 Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Janice Bugg (TN)
 Ruby Burger (TN)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**ACTS 16-18 (Macau 545,674)**

David & Martha Cecil (VA)
 Merry J Chandler (MD)
 Mary Clarke (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Margarie Coffee (VA)
 Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
 Joe & Carol Coulter (VA)
 Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8**ACTS 19-20 (Macedonia 2.1M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Ch (MD)
 Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Emogene Dorsett (TX)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Walt Edwards (NC)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Grace Eldridge (NJ)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Evalena Enoch (VA)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**ACTS 21-23 (Madagascar 20M)**

Lynne Farrow (NJ)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 June Fisher (TN)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
ACTS 24-26 (Malawi 14M)

Frances Glass (AL)
 Gloucester County Com Ch
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11**ACTS 27-28 (Malaysia 25.3M)**

Bruce, Gina, Sean Henry (VA)
 Doug Henry (TN)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger Henry (OH)
 Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
 Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12**ROMANS 1-3 (Kenya 38M)**

Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)
 Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
 Bonnie Houston (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**ROMANS 4-5 (Tanzania 40.2M)**

Ed Hurlow (IN)
 Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
 Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Peter & Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

James & Genevieve Johes (FL)
 Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Jean Jonte (SC)
 Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)
Robert & Rose Klaus (VA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
ROMANS 6-8 (Kenya 38M)

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

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
David & Cathy Laing (FL)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
ROM 9-11 (Tanzania 40.2M)

Phil Landers (OK)
Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC)
Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell, Jr., Chancellor
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
ROMANS 12-16 (Kenya 38M)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)
Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)
Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
1 COR 1-6 (Tanzania 40.2M)

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
Leonard & Martha Meador (WV)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Church (VA)
Virgil & Sue Knipp, Ministers
Mona Merry (SC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19
1 COR 7-10 (Kenya 38M)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
1 COR 11-14 (Tanzania 40.2M)

French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)

Adam/Diana Nathanson (Venez)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Ann Palumbo (NJ)
Ellen Paulson (MN)
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
Ben Poplin (VA)
Ayers Porter (TN)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
1 COR 15-16 (Kenya 38M)
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
Alice Riddick (NC)
Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
2 COR 1-5 (Tanzania 40.2M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
Bob Rose (MI)
David & Amy Ross (KY)
Sandra Rumore (VA)
Denise Russell (OR)
John Saint (PA)
Don & Marie Satterwhite (CT)
Gary & Sandy Schmittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
Mary Seigner (VA)
Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
2 COR 6-9 (Kosovo 2.1M)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
(VA) Eric Farel, Pastor
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
Wonsub & Young-Mi Sheen (VA)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
His Highest Praise (HI)
Lori Siri, Pastor
Mary Skiles (KS)
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (VA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
2 COR 10-13 (Kenya 38M)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
GALATIANS (Tanzania 40.2M)
Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor
Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Temple of Praise (TX)
Gilbert Perez, Pastor
Earleen Thigpen (TN)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
EPHESIANS (Kenya 38M)

Montez Thompson (CO)
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)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI//FL)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
PHIL (Tanzania 40.2M)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau Ware (VA)
Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
COLOSSIANS (Kenya 38M)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Derrick Williams (TX)
Edward Williams (NC)
Elijah Williams (NJ)
Jeff & Terri Williamson (FL)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
The Word Church (NJ)
Buz Offenbacher, Pastor
Lili Wykle (VA)
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

An ACTS 1:8 Association

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

Since 1707 with the organization of the Philadelphia Association (composed of messengers from five small churches), Baptists have chosen to form associations of their churches in a given area. At the 173rd Annual Meeting (October 19-20, 2009) of the Little Bethel Baptist Association in Kentucky, the theme was “An ACTS 1:8 Association. What a wonderful theme! Having conducted two associational-wide prayer seminars in Little Bethel, I am thrilled beyond words, since I know firsthand the potential that rests with those who make up its constituency. .

Just what is **An ACTS 1:8** association? Read the text carefully and you will see. During His very last moments before His ascension to the place of glory and honor that He left when He came to earth housed in human flesh, Jesus was with His followers on the Mount of Olives. He encapsulated His expectations in a few words. His plan to reach the world is simple. His followers are to “be witnesses” to everyone, everywhere. This is the reason that the leaders of Little Bethel chose this theme. Since churches make up the membership of the association, the churches must be **ACTS 1:8 Churches**. If this is to be realized, the members of the churches must be **ACTS 1:8 Christians**.

Since Jesus understood what the scope of His mandate was, in essence He said, “And don’t even think about it until the Holy Spirit comes because you will need power literally *dunamis* (dynamite) the same kind of power that raised Jesus from the dead). The same is true today. We are to be witnesses, but not in our own strength. We are to go forth in His power that is available to us as we allow the Holy Spirit to control. “Spirit-filled” does

not mean “more of the Holy Spirit,” it means “controlled by the Holy Spirit.” The analogy is a drunk whose walk and talk are controlled by the drink that is in him (**Ephesians 5:18**).

I commend the leaders of the Little Bethel Baptist Association (KY) and have been praying that much fruit will be forthcoming in the forty-six churches that are members. Last year, the churches baptized 253. Don’t be surprised if the number reaches 1,000 provided there is full obedience to the mandate that Jesus gave in **ACTS 1:8**. Be an **ACTS 1:8** church! Be an **ACTS 1:8** christian!

A daily prayer

Dear God, Are there any areas of my life that have not come under the lordship of Christ? Is there any lack of obedience that will prevent me from being used fully by you? God, please search me, and know my heart, try me, and know my anxieties, and see if there is any wicked way in me. Please lead me in the way everlasting [based on David’s prayer in **Psalm 139:23-24**]. I praise you and lift You up, for You are God almighty. In Jesus’ name, I thank You. Amen

Thank heartily

Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts.

Andrew Murray

Some thieves took the pocketbook of **Matthew Henry**, the fame exegete. Later, he wrote in his dairy: “I am thankful because I was never robbed before. Although they took my purse, they did not take my life. Although they took all I had, it was not much. I am thankful, too, because it was I who was robbed, and not I who robbed.”

A letter from Silas

Dearest,

While we pray for **JGHM**, we will still be anxious to hear your well-being, believing that you are well and doing well. We have [not] lost contact; happily enough, we receive the Reflector every month, which helps to keep us in contact with you spiritually as we pray, and thank God for His grace upon you in the ministries, as His coming is surely soon. As Christ's coming comes closer, the harder and difficult to reach out with the gospel, and difficult to remain faithful, due to the increase wickedness, evil and hatred against Christians and the Name Jesus. However, we will continue to keep on the fight of faith like Paul (2 Timothy 4:7).

We do pray that Americans will NOT be influenced, especially **President Obama**, to go against God's chosen nation Israel, in order to win support of Israel's enemies, the enemies of the gospel of Jesus Christ. America should never oppose Israel over the ownership Jerusalem. Because, doing that is the same as opposing God. Though Israel's unbelief and rejection of Jesus the Messiah is for specific time, to benefit the gentiles nation like Nigeria. Because, Israel will be saved **Acts 11:26**, America should be careful with nations like Iran, Russia, China, even Rome, and other Islamic nations. **We Christians must support Israel now at this end time.** We must please God instead of man. You and others should advise and warn President Obama to be careful.

Nigerians are suffering today because, in 1967 or so, Nigeria severed or broke diplomatic ties with Israel, even sent them away. Since then, Nigeria never knows peace

nor prosperity despite her rich oil. We fought ourselves, the Muslims took over our mission schools and built mosques all over. We became slaves to them. It is just now God is gradually delivering us. Unfortunately, many us do not know God and are very corrupt, yet we bear Christian names. The Bible says, where Israel enters and that nation receives her, it shall be blessed. But when any nation rejects Israel, it shall not be blessed, despite her rich resources.

America must stand with Israel and support Israel in any event.

Silas Yashim, Nigeria

Note: **Silas & Alice Yashim** became **Door-keepers** in the early nineties providing prayer covering. His wisdom and insight are very helpful in understanding Nigeria and its needs, as well as the United States. I give heed to what Silas shares from his heart. Remember to pray for our work in **Nigeria**.

GLIMPSES OF CUBA

1960 and 2010



Same automobiles



Same horse & buggy transport



Sleeping in same bedroom

Capturing a city for Christ

The city. Havana, the capital of both Cuba and of Ciudad de la Habana province, is the largest city and chief port of the West Indies and is one of the oldest cities in the Americas. It is the political, economic, and cultural center of Cuba. An important hub of air and maritime transportation, it is the focal point of Cuban commerce, exporting sugar, tobacco, and fruits and importing mainly foodstuffs, cotton, and machinery and technical equipment. Industries include shipbuilding, assembly plants, rum distilleries, sugar refineries, and factories making the famous Cuban cigars. Tourism was greatly revived in the 1990s as Cuba redirected its economic model from central planning toward a mixed economy. The city's hot, humid climate is moderated by sea winds.

Havana possesses one of the best natural harbors in the Caribbean and has long been strategically and commercially important. The city was founded in 1515 by Spanish explorer Diego de Valazquez on Cuba's southern coast but was relocated to its present site in 1519. It is home to over two million people. The old city is dominated by Morro Castle and other fortresses, and is also known for its narrow streets, numerous churches, and fine examples of colonial architecture. The modern section of the city has wide boulevards, impressive public buildings (notably the lavishly decorated capitol), and magnificent residences. The city has many cultural facilities.

The strategy. It is clear from the Scripture that prayer is the work that must come before all other work (**John 14:12-14**). "Greater works" are the result of prayer asking in Jesus' name for those things that glorify the Father through the Son. It is when individuals and churches return to the Upper Room following the model of the early church, that the power of God is unleashed.

One of our primary goals in the international prayer seminars is to teach believers the purpose and power of prayer so the prayer work can be done. A specific point is to teach those who become intercessors to pray for laborers for the "fields that are white for harvest" (**Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 10:2, John 4:35**). At a time when as many as two out of every five people have never heard the name of Jesus in a saving sense one time, it is critical that we raise up prayer intercessors. Why have so many never heard? Is it because God has favorites? No, you will never meet a person whom God does not love. The problem is laborers who will go with the Gospel message, as Christ commanded and expects. It is amazing, indeed, that out of ten Christian workers, nine work with 6% of the world's population; one in ten works with 94%. Is there any wonder that there is spiritual darkness in most places through-out the world. When we pray, God will send forth laborers.

2010 seminars. Although the primary purpose in scheduling Cuba was the return to Placetas, the major focus of the prayer seminars was in Havana. There were nine prayer seminars in the city, one within one mile of the Fidel and Raul Castro estates.

It is an exciting time for Christians in Cuba. Let's continue to pray that the seed sown will produce a great harvest of prayer warriors that will bring glory and honor to both the Father and the Son. Thank you for making the seminars possible.

Perhaps the following incident reflects the attitude of the folks toward the seminar. A gentleman commented to Adam what the prayer seminar meant to him. "We have known of prayer, but this seminar has opened up new horizons in our lives. Thank you for coming." It is in this sense that the prayer seminar ministry serves as a little kindling wood to get a fire started and that has been true in many nations. We are grateful to God for opportunities and give Him great glory for His faithful anointing.

RETURN TO PLACETAS



Two of the 70 saved in 1960



Saved in 1960-Led house church that is now a Baptist church.



Plenty of hugs



Pastor Lugo now teaching the workbook

I have often said that if we are faithful to the Lord, on that great reunion day we will be surprised at the lives we have touched. To have an opportunity to see the fruit of the January 13-20, 1960, crusade in these lives was truly remarkable by far the most amazing thing that I have ever witnessed all — because of Calvary!

I found the church at Placetatas alive and well. On Saturday night, I spoke at the weekly youth meeting to a large number. So many are involved in Sunday school on Sunday morning that the church has to provide two Sunday schools, one before and one after the morning worship service. Around 250 attend the Sunday services. The church is in good hands with **Pastor Lugo**, along with a strong youth pastor.

The government approved a preschool for ages one through five. Forty-two are enrolled. When the state officials in Santa Clara learned of this approval, they passed a law saying that no other evangelical church could do this because of the clear religious instruction being given. The church has Awanas teaching their children and youth.

The beautiful building is as it was fifty years ago. So is the pastor's home. I slept in the same room that I did fifty years ago. The only difference was the absence of a mosquito net no longer needed. In 1960, I was awed by the beautiful floor tile in every room. I recognized the tile immediately.

My Book of Memories has many memorable ministry events from around the world. None will ever surpass the 2010 fiftieth year Homecoming at the Gethsemane First Baptist Church, Placetatas, Santa Clara Province, 225 miles east of Havana. I am greatly humbled, but greatly encouraged as well. With a heart full of thanksgiving, I rejoice in the power of the Gospel. Praise God for His saving grace and His sustaining grace. "And grace will see me Home!"