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REMEMBERING 9/11



During my tenure as president of **Northeastern Bible College** (NJ), we sometimes took guests to a nearby ridge where we could look down into New York City. The skyline included two twin towers that made up the World Trade Center. These two famous towers are no more after 9/11/01. 3,000 lives were snuffed out by a terrorist attack that will forever live in infamy.

Freedom is under attack! There are many things that I do not know about the conflict in which our nation is currently engaged. I do know that we have enemies seeking to do us harm both internal and external. I do know one thing. God loves each of the 6.8 billion people living in the world today. You and I will never meet a person whom God does not love. Further, each person will be alive forever either in Heaven or Hell, depending on what he did with Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, in this lifetime.

Since September 11,2001, my attention has turned to Islam. Who are the Muslims? Although President Bush said that what he termed "the first war of the 21st Century" is not a religious war against Islam, Afghanistan, or the Arab peoples, it has raised a number of questions about the Islamic religion. What do Muslims believe? Is it true that most are peaceful? Over one billion people are reported to be under this umbrella. Some have said that the Islamic religion is the fastest growing religion in the world.

10/40 Window

The 6.8 million people in the world today live in 240 countries and territories. CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE

Dear Doorkeepers:

GOAL: *"For me to live is* [for] *Christ* [to live all over again]" (Philippians 1:21).

DUTY: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Psalm 107:2a).

September is my month — the month of my physical birth (September 30, 1935), my spiritual birth (September 24, 1948), and the month that I began my work as a pastor (September 1953). The first prayer seminar, other than the one in my own church, was an area-wide seminar hosted by Madison Baptist Church NJ (September 1980).

On September 30, 1935, I was born into a tenant farmer's household in the foothills of the Smokies in East Tennessee's Jefferson County to parents that were poor, but hard workers. On September 24, 1948, I was born again when I trusted Jesus as my Savior in a tent meeting being conducted by an itinerant evangelist in White Pine, my home town. As I walked home that night, I don't believe my feet touched the ground since my sin burden was lifted as forgiveness came. Forgiveness carries the picture of lifting and removing a heavy load. The remarkable thing was that I did not even realize I had that load until it was lifted! In September 1953, I was invited to be the pastor of a small congregation being established in Berea, Kentucky, where I was a student at Berea College. In September 1980, I began the prayer seminar ministry.

Little did I realize, when I began my work as a pastor just prior to my 18th birthday, all the paths the Lord would lead me down and the opportunities to share His Word He would give. Little did I realize that He would bring precious folks into my life from many nations around the world.. Little did I realize that He would touch the hearts of His children to become partners with us in a worldwide prayer seminar ministry.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord for His faithfulness as I look back across the years moving down reminiscent trail. Not only has He provided places of service, He has abundantly blessed every effort to speak His Word. Between September 1953 and May 1980, there were few Sundays when I did not have the opportunity to preach at least twice (sometimes more) as a pastor teacherevangelist. God has been faithful in allowing me to share in the lives of men, women, boys, and girls.

The first prayer seminar, outside my own pastorates, was at Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey, September 5-8, 1980. Through the prayer seminar ministry, which for a number of years has been my primary ministry, I have found a fulfillment that I had not know before, in sharing with God's children, providing assistance in their prayer lives. After conducting 1,046 prayer seminars, I am more excited about the next seminar than I was the first! I now know from experience to expect the Holy Spirit to move mightily using the Word of God to provide the help needed in the lives of those who attend a seminar.

I can testify after fifty-seven years of ministry, that God has fulfilled in my life what is announced in Paul's beautiful benediction to the Ephesian believers: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21). He has truly done far beyond anything that I thought.

Fifty-seven years and beyond

A large oil company needed a representative in another nation. Since resources were no problem, every effort was made to identify the most qualified and competent person for the position. After an exhaustive search, the right person was located — one who knew the language, culture, and was already acclimated to that nation in every detail. He was a missionary who had served there with distinction for

a number of years representing the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. When he was approached with an attractive offer of salary and benefits, he promptly declined. The company then offered to increase the salary significantly. Again, he turned the offer down. The company's representative reminded him that his would be the most important job any American held in that nation and that he could name his own salary. When he turned the offer down once again, the oil company representative expressed unbelief and asked if the offer was too small. The missionary replied, "The offer is not too small. The job is too small." He was already engaged in the most important work in that country and was using his life in the very best possible way since He was doing God's work in God's time in God's way.

These have been fifty-seven wonderful years. The time has sped by swiftly. There have been both victories and defeats, successes and failures. But there is no other job today that would be more appealing to me just now because I am convinced that this is God's work to which He has called me. To that end, I lay my life at His feet in submission to do His will until the journey ends.

I'm glad that I have been able to share some moments along Reminiscent Trail with our **Doorkeepers**, who faithfully stand with us as partners to make this ministry strong and viable. I know, without them that there is no way we could maintain the level of ministry and type of ministry He has given to us. Once again, let me say "thank you very much" for your trust and confidence, for your involvement and investment in eternity through the prayer seminar ministry.

Yours in Calvary love,, J. Gordon Henry

SECRET PRAYER IS THE SECRET OF PRAYER.

REMEMBERING 9/11 CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Two of three have not heard the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in a saving sense one time. Primarily, there are no laborers because Christians, in their disobedience and prayerlessness, do not ask God to send forth laborers as Jesus commanded (Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 10:2, John 4:35). There are unsaved people all around us here in the United States who have not heard the Gospel. So, why is it helpful to focus on what is known as the "10/40 Window?" This is the area from 10 ° to 40 ° north of the equator stretching from West Africa to Japan. This area, which was the cradle of civilization, is the primary spiritual battlefield in the world today.

The countries within the **10/40 Window** constitute only one-third of the earth's total land area, but account for two-thirds of the world's people. The amazing thing is that the window encloses almost 100% of the world's 1.1 billion Muslims, 800 million Hindus, and 300 million Buddhists. The four billion residents include 97% of the inhabitants of the world's least evangelized nations. The 10/40 Window contains the birthplace of every major non-Christian religion on earth including Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Taoism, Confucianism, Bahai, Sikhism, Judaism, and Jainism.

Following 9/11, I prepared material to provide helpful background material on Islam (copies available upon request), but the Holy Spirit has convicted me that the challenge is far more than this one religion. Things are not simple! The darkness of Islam is dominant in a whole band of nations stretched across the top of the African continent, through the Middle East, and then into southwest Asia. Islam, itself, has been the dominant political force in twenty nations. But prayer warriors are needed to focus on the entire 10/40 Window area. Spiritual strongholds are the

invisible structures of thought and authority that are erected through the combined agency of demonic influence and human will. In this sense, they are not demons, but the place where the demons operate. Genuine spiritual strongholds are possessed with both a defensive and an offensive character. The consequence of this fact is that they will simultaneously resist light and export darkness (doing both at the same time). From the days of the earliest migrations out of Babel, no other geographic corridor has contained such a concentration of spiritual darkness. The ancient roots of Babylon have never been fully plucked up, and the legacy continues to do violence to the original design and purposes of God, the Creator. With its teeming population centers daily attracting the attention of demonic powers, the 10/40Window represents a crucial focal point for mission-minded intercessors. The population is very young, approximately 70% less than thirty years old.

Following 9/11, I wrote an article entitled Crisis in America for the Doorkeeper Report (October 2001): "Our beloved nation has been wounded in the senseless terrorists' attacks on September 11. Human losses are unlike anything on U.S. soil since the Civil War. There has been a profound effect on the nation's psyche. Americans have been drawn together with a strong sense of purpose and patriotism in a way that has been refreshingly remarkable. In public gatherings, we are acknowledging God and singing 'God bless America.' Our courage and resolve are tremendous as we stand at this hour united and indivisible. The President and his advisors are providing strong leadership. Members of Congress have laid aside partisanship to work together. Attendance at church services has increased remarkably. The nations of the world are joining us to combat terrorism in an unprecedented way. Things look good.

My concern, however, is that we might overlook the spiritual ramifications of this disaster. For those of us who are Christians, we must take time to assess this event in the light of the Scriptures. Scripture tells us to stand outside our culture, and to judge it when it is wrong. Although it may not be comfortable, it is time for us to examine our lives and our society as never before. We are humbled, but is it before God?

Biblical faith is far beyond a political theory or ideology held by a political party. Getting right with God is more than making public declarations; it is coming before God with godly sorrow, repentance, and confession of sins. Then it is forsaking those sins for holy living."

Very frankly, Christians did not do that and one can only surmise the consequences. **Gary Bauer** (End of Day, 9/14/09) observed: "It has become fashionable in elite circles to bash Christians and traditional values. Meanwhile, political correctness demands we dare not criticize radical **Islam**, the movement that inspired the 9/11 attackers, breeds homicide bombers and nuture anti-Semetic and anti-Christian bigotry throughout the world." **The crisis in America** not only still exists, it is accelerating. As we once again remember **9/11**, we need God more than ever before.

THE WORD OF GOD & FAITH

I prayed for faith, but faith did not seem to come. One day I read **Romans 10:17**: "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I opened my Bible and began to read, and faith has been growing ever since.

Dwight L. Moody

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Itinerary

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

September

15-30 Cuba Prayer Seminars October

- 7-9 Video SG School of Theology Kingsland Georgia*
- 10 Prayer Seminar Westside Baptist Church Aitkin, Minnesota
- 14-16 Video SL School of Theology Murfreesboro, Tennessee*
- 16-17 Areawide Prayer Seminar The Bible Temple Coward, South Carolina
- 23-24 Prayer Seminar Area-wide Tidewater, VA Newport News, VA
- 26-28 Video C School of Theology Ville Prairie, Louisiana*
- *Ten hours

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From the archives

Let me share testimonies from one prayer seminar conducted in **Logansport**, **Indiana**, a few years ago to illustrate the way God moves during a prayer seminar:

"Prayer has been on my heart for some time now. God has been dealing with me about my prayer life and Bible study. And I do praise Him for sending you to our church at this time in my life. He does care and His timing is perfect." J.B.

"The prayer seminar challenged me — taken away my excuses — given me much to meditate and work on. I am delighted to have had such an opportunity. It is long overdue and much needed. It allows me to understand His wonderful instruction in key areas of my spiritual life." M. G.

"I was seeking more in my life. It was empty. Now that I have found Jesus, my life is growing and becoming more full." N.H.

"For eight years, I have been involved in Bible Study Fellowship even providing leadership in that structure. Even though I have instructed others in personal devotions, until today I have not had the foundation for my own personal quiet time. Dr. Henry is steeped in the Word and is truly a fountain of Living Water being used by God mightily." M.M.

"The seminar was very useful and helpful. Helped me see the possibilities of improving my prayer life and getting it organized. I have made a commitment to rise earlier each morning to read the Bible and pray." M. R.

If your church is considering a prayer seminar, a packet of materials (including a copy of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook** and the **Planning Guide**) are available. In addition, testimonies are available from pastors serving in many denominations and unaffiliated churches.

It is refreshing to see the Holy Spirit bring the Word of God alive in the hearts of participants. If you want your church to be a praying church, a prayer seminar will help bring your dream to fruition.

Through Jesus Alone

On September 25, 1982, I was driving from the Northeastern Bible College campus in Essex Fells, New Jersey, to speak at a missionary conference in Mahopac Falls, New York. While crossing over the Hudson River on the Tappen Zee Bridge, I observed a bumper sticker on an automobile that defines a major problem for many of us as we approach the Word of God.

The bumper sticker said: "THE BIBLE SAYS IT. I BELIEVE IT. THAT SETTLES IT!"

Had I had opportunity to speak personally with those in the car, I would have told them that the message on their sticker was wrong. To be correct, it should have read: "THE BIBLE SAYS IT. THAT SETTLES IT!"

How very humanistic we have become. Whether "I believe it!" or not has nothing to do with the truth of God's revealed Truth. It does not matter what you believe, I believe, or anyone else believes. God's Word related to prayer is that we are to pray in Jesus/ name. Jesus Himself could not have been plainer when He declared" "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh to the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

There is only one access to God the Father. You cannot come into the presence of God apart from Christ Himself. A person comes into the presence of God only if and when he breathes the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, a basic and essential prerequisite for effective prayer is for our spirit to reflect that we are coming through Jesus Christ, the Son. Perhaps, we can say something like this: "Thank You for Jesus Christ and in Him, in His name, I approach You, Father." Access to the Father is through Jesus alone.

Check out these Scriptures: John 10:7, 10:9, 14:13-14, John 16:23-24-26; Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:13, 3:12; Hebrews 7:9, 7:25; 10:19; 1 Peter 3:18.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1186. The unconverted

feel their need of salvation when Christians first feel the need for them to be saved.

Note 1187. Few lost people are ever saved until someone begins to pray for them.

Note 1188. Sinners will be saved and "born again" when Christians are burdened and birth them in prayer.

Note 1189. When Zion (the church) travials, she brings forth children.

Note 1190. When we do what God tells us to do, He will do what He says He will do.

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July 24-August 18 2010

Regular	41	\$3,210.00
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Total	75	\$6,214.00

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

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PRAYER CALENDAR

September 2010 "I will give myself to prayer..." Psalm 109:4b



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 HOSEA 1-3 (Guam 175,877) 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) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 HOSEA 4-6 (Guatemala 13M) Milcie Arnold (VA) Leonor Avila (MD) Bill & Karen Baker (VA) Carolyn Barkley (NY) Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA) Stan & Emily Baskin (TN) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 HOSEA 7-8 (Guernsey 65,728) 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)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 HOSEA 9-11 (Guinea 9.5M) 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) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 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) Pat & Cindy Caporossi (MI) John & Patricia Carter (FL) **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** HOSEA 12-13 (Gu-Bissau 1.5M) 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) **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** JOEL 1-3 (Guyana 770,794) 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) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AMOS 1-2 (Haiti 8.9M) 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) Lynne Farrow (NJ) Larry & Cara Fields (VA) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AMOS 3-5 (Holy See 824) 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)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AMOS 6-7 (Honduras 7.6M) Frances Glass (AL) Gloucester County Com Ch Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ) Ronald & Marvann Gold (ND) Odether Gray (GA) Linda Gregory (UT) Charles Hale (VA) Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA) Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AMOS 8-9 (Hong Kong 7M) 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) Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA) Joanna Holland (VA) John & Glenda Holland (VA) Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI) Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA) Sam & Linda Hough (VA) Bonnie Houston (TN) Cov Hunsucker (NC) Joyce Hunt (TN) Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA) Ed Hurlow (IN) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 **OBADIAH (Hungary 9.9M)** 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) John & Judy Johnson (FL) Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 JONAH 1-4 (Iceland 304.367) James & Geneieve Johes (FL) Paul & Deanna Jones (KY) W I & Eloise Jones (SC) Jean Jonte (SC) 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)

WED, SEPTEMBER 15

MICAH 1-2 (Cuba 11.4M) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN) Sherry Klutz (WA) Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH) Thomas Knight Jr (SC) 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) Phil Landers (OK) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 MICAH 3-5 (Cuba 11.4M) Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI) Bob Lawrence (MD)

Bob Lawrence (MD) Del & Mary Leach (VA) Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT) Karl & Rebecca Leonard (NC) Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA) Liberty University (VA) Jerty Falwell,Jr., Chancellor Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 MICAH 6-7 (Cuba 11.4M) 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) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 NAHUM (Cuba 11.4M)

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

Brenda Merritt (SC) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA) Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI) Lewis & Martha Miller (IN) Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA) <u>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</u> ZEPHANIAH (Cuba 11.4M) Earl & Marvel Mills (VA) French & Laura Moore (VA) Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Katherine Morgan (VA) Bob & Diane Nichols (VA) Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 HAGGAI (Cuba 11.4M) 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) Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA) WED, SEPTEMBER 22 ZECHARI 1-2 (Cuba 11.4M) James & Jeannette Ralph (VA) Alice Riddick (NC) Mike & Joyce Riley (KY) Cynthia Roach (VA) Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 ZECHARIAH 3-4 (Cuba 11.4M) Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN) Bob Rose (MI) David & Amy Ross (KY) Sandra Rumore (VA) Denise Russell (OR) John Saint (PA) Don & Marie Satterwhite (CT) Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER 24 ZECH 5-6 (Cuba 11.4M) Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Mary Seigner (VA) Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH) Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA) Eric Farel, Pastor Nellie F. Shepard (CT) Richard/Margaret Siegfield (SC) 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 (WA) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 ZECHARIAH 7-8 (Cuba 11.4M) 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)

Clarence/Roselin Stringfield (VA) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 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) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 ZECH 9-11 (Cuba 11.4M) 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) Willie & Diane Troutman (KY) TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ZECH 12-14 (Cuba 11.4M) 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) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 MALACHI 1-2 (Cuba 11.4M) Horace & Becky Ward (NC) Michael & Sandra Ward (IN) Beau Ware (VA) Kay Warmerdam (TX) Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN) THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 MALACHI 3-4 (Cuba 11.4M) Rodger & Jean Watts (WI) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) 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 Offenbacker, Pastor Lili Wykle (VA)

Waymarks

A church will never rise above its leadership. You and I know this is true. Consequently, we should do everything possible to strengthen pastors. Pastors need prayer, too. Most pastors, unfortunately, are not well prayed for and are on their own. Through the prayer seminar and our publications, we have urged believers to pray for their pastors and other church leadership.

In 1989, **Doorkeeper Don Lowry** (SC) suggested that **JGHM** produce a publication as a forum for exchanging ideas. Don felt that many pastors have found things that worked for them that would be helpful to other pastors. As we prayed together about this matter, we concluded this is an excellent worthwhile idea. The first issue was published in that year.

I asked Dr. Spiros Zodiates, editor of Pulpit Helps and a recognized Hebrew/ Greek scholar to help me come up with a Bible name. At the time, he was ready to leave for an extended ministry abroad, but promised when he returned he would help. A few days later, during my daily Bible reading, I read a verse from Jeremiah and knew immediately what the name of the publication should be: "Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities" (Jeremiah 31:21). I found that "waymarks" were stone markers pointing the way to Zion. As Israel returned to her land, she was to set up **signposts** along the way, piles of rock that marked the way home. I really liked the idea of one who travels along a road setting up "waymarks" to guide those who come along later. Those who journey ahead should make it easier for those who follow after them and help them avoid going down the wrong road or taking the wrong fork. As a pastor journeys through his life, waymarks along the road would be helpful. Thus, Waymarks was born to minister to pastors, as well as a form

to exchange ideas ..

Waymarks was well received. Not only did many pastors share ideas from their own ministries that were productive, I shared many things that I had learned during my twenty-seven year tenure as a pastor. Due to a number of factors, we had to put this part of our ministry on "hold." We continue, however, to add new material to our "Idea folder" — a folder every leader should maintain. I want to share two new additions:

Windsor Park Baptist Church, DeSota Texas (Dr. Chris Seidlitz, pastor). Prior to receiving the tithes and offerings, the pastor asked people to share prayer requests and drop them in the offering plate. When the ushers came forward for the blessing of the offering, the requests were placed on a table. When folks came to the altar of prayer, the requests were picked up from the table, prayed over, and returned to the table. Thus, we saw a visible illustration that the church understands the purpose and power of prayer.

Grace CommunityChurch, Caracas, Venezuela (Adam Nathanson, pastor). During the morning worship service, the children were called forward NOT TO HEAR A CHILDREN'S SERMON, but to be prayed for by the congregation. It was beautiful to see a brother cry out to God for the children and the congregation to extend hands toward the children. This will produce memories that will last for a lifetime and bring blessings.



DR. HENRY WITH THREE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAME TO CHRIST AT THE GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH AUGUST 1

Nine days in Venezuela

The trip to beautiful **Venezuela** went well. There were no unusual "challenges" as there sometimes are. The work began with an ontime arrival in **Caracas**. Before leaving for **Camp Carabobo**, 150 miles west, I preached Sunday morning at **Adam's** church, **Grace Community Church** where three young people trusted Christ as Savior. There I greeted a few "old friends," but mostly made "new friends," because the work is growing with new people being added. Not only is **Adam Nathanson** an outstanding interpreter, he is a very effective missionary-pastorleader.



Adam & Dr. Henry with Baptist leaders

We arrived at **Camp Carabobo** in the late evening and settled in our rooms at the **Baptist Intercultural Missions Training Center**, a beautiful facility built by mission money from the states, on the seventy-acre plot of land (one of the most beautiful settings I have witnessed anywhere in the world). There choice young men and women are being prepared to serve either there or in other nations, as church planters. Their degree of commitment, along with their youth and vigor, was something to see and sense.



Students at the Missionary Training Center



Future missionaries appreciate the workbook I taught the prayer seminar to second year students very well received. I was impressed with the quality of the program, excellent materials and excellent teaching.

The "main event" that brought me was the prayer seminar/evangelism clinic preparing workers to evangelize four western states (Portuguesa, Maridi, Lara, and Zulia) working with local churches. Hundreds are involved in this project those going and those receiving and caring for them in their areas. The response was beautiful with God's children receiving the Word with gladness and excitement fueled by the March seminars in twelve cities (1,600 participants, including 140 pastors, from 183 churches). A wellwritten, comprehensive orientation manual had been prepared for each participant, as well. As an educator, I was impressed with the quality of the preparation.



Receiving hours and hours of instruction

Over decades, the Baptist work was led by missionaries who followed the missionary mandate given by Jesus in **Matthew 28:19-20** to go into all the world preaching the Gospel, making disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them. . Several years back, the work was turned over to the people. There are few missionaries left to serve the churches in a supporting role in myriad servant ways. Three were teaching at the missions training center and are doing a great job. The spiritual need here is all around with the fields white to harvest. Satan's arsenal includes a variety of weapons including superstition, magic, witchcraft. Sadly, the largest number of people are living in the darkness of Catholicism, which leads them to think they are Christians because they know and "love" Jesus without a personal relationship with Him that begins when one trusts Jesus. Thousands upon thousands are in the latter category, as is true in other Latin nations.

The only solution to the problem is what the Baptist leaders and churches are discovering. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work So. first mobilize prayer warriors and then teach them the purpose and power of prayer; teach them to pray. They have then adopted for the whole nation Psalm 126 as the rallying call to go forth with the Word of God believing that "they who sow in tears will reap in joy. He that goeth forth weeping shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing the sheaves with him." I look forward to hearing the results of the noble effort of evangelistic sowing and reaping that is scheduled for the new few days in the four western states.



Student involvement in the seminar

Following the work at **Camp Carabobo**, **Adam** and I traveled to **Valencia**, a large city (two million), in the area. On Saturday, pastors and leaders representing seven churches from the region gathered for an allday prayer seminar. On Sunday, I preached the morning message at the **First Baptist Church, Valenica**. It was a memorable, fruitful nine days with souls saved, and Christians edified and equipped to evangelize. The unction and the power of the Holy Spirit was very real. Thank you for your financial and prayer support that made this venture possible. 2010 will be remembered as the year when JGHM was able to impact hundreds of churches and hundreds of pastors in one nation over two trips. The only comparable experience was the 1991 prayer seminar in **Borneo** (East Malaysia) when over 500 pastors participated in.

First report

As the copy was being written, the first report arrived for one of the four states being evangelized, Merida. 1,075 have accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior during the first week of evangelism. We look forward to hearing the results from the three other states. We do know that after the March seminars, a great spiritual awakening swept across **Portuguesa**, a state that had had no rainfall for over one year. Following the Sunday morning services, the pastor asked that we pray for rain. During the lunch hour, thunder began to sound in the distance. Then black clouds formed. Then heavy rain began and water ran through the streets. It was a fore-glimpse of the showers of spiritual blessings that were soon to follow.



Adam Nathanson and I have agreed to return in April 2011 to duplicate the work in the eastern section of Venezuela.

SEPTEMBER IS LETTER-WRITING MONTH

For a number of years, **JGHM** has declared **September Letter Writing Month.** Some of the most encouraging comments that we ever receive come from the September letters. With the coming of September 2010, I celebrate the 57th anniversary of my ministry and enter the 58th year. Further, I will be 75 years old on September 30. So you could say that 2010 is a special year and be right!

In God's providence, He has given us a wonderful cadre of partners serving as Doorkeepers for the prayer seminar ministry. Through their prayer and financial support we have been able to reach around the world touching many lives for our Master. God is good. Through the **Reflector**, our monthly publication for the past fifty-six years, we have a monthly contact so that you can keep up with what we are doing through our joint ministry. As Paul wanted the church at Ephesus to "know his affairs" so they could pray for him (Ephesians 6:21-22), such is one of the purposes of the Reflector. I hope that the content in each issue provides a measure of inspiration and encouragement to you and "to help you keep on keeping on."

From time to time throughout the year, we hear from you. Many faithful writers have moved to Heaven and I miss their precious letters and notes of encouragement. Then there are letters that arrive in **September**, the **letter-writing month** for our ministry — begun many, many years sgo. Won't you take time to participate in *September Letting-Writing Month-2010*? It won't take ten minutes! It need not be long! It will be a joy to fellowship with you through your letter during my special month, You might give an update on your own spiritual journey and let me know how you are getting along? Share uggestions for the **Reflector.**

Include any prayer request on your heart! As a member of the Doorkeeper family, your needs are important to us. You may have some burden you would to share with someone else in God's family. We'd like to pray for you. We will keep each prayer request confidential. We have seen wonderful answers as we have prayed for one another.

God is not far off. He is very near and He loves us. Remember that He has encouraged us to pray with others because He said that He is aware of two or three who come to Him in agreement (**Matthew 18:19**). You may want to share your single most important need. As we go to the mailbox in September, we'll look for your letter. How about every single **Doorkeeper** family participating? I would be blessed beyond words!

CUBA A SPECIAL VISIT

Fifty years ago, I conducted my first overseas ministry — an evangelistic crusade in Placetas, Cuba. September 15-October 1, 2010 will be a time to strengthen and encourage believers as well as an extraordinary time of celebration. Eight prayer seminars are planned in Havana & Placetas. We have an updated Spanish edition of the Prayer Seminar workbook that will bless God's children for years to come.

When we have one-hundred contributors, the financial need is met. Pray that we will soon reach that number for the special visit to Cuba.

