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September is my month!

Those who have been our readers probably are quite familiar with a recurring statement: "September is my month!" September is my month — the month of my physical birth (September 30, 1935), my spiritual birth (September 24, 1948), the month that I began my work as a pastor (September 1953), the month that I conducted the first prayer seminar outside my own pastorates (Madison Baptist Church, Madison NJ September 5-8, 1980), the month that I was inaugurated president of Northeastern Bible College (September 27, 1980), and the month that the prayer seminar moved into its own facilities in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1984,

The above picture is the oldest known picture of my early years. I attended White Pine School, White Pine, Tennessee grades one through twelve. This is my second grade picture. My family and I lived on a small farm in the bend of the river in Jefferson County, Tennessee.

It is right to pray for yourself!

I've been working on my tenth book, which will be entitled **Favorite Sermons**. For over 1,400 Sundays I was blessed to be called "pastor." Among my duties was to proclaim God's Word through sermons. When I began my ministry, there were three sermons each Sunday. The first was delivered over a local radio station. Then there was the morning sermon. The day ended with a Sunday night sermon, usually evangelistic. In addition, for many years I had the privilege of preaching "revival" meetings (two week events starting on a Sunday evening and ending on Sunday morning two weeks later!). So I have many sermons!

The new book will include at least fifteen of my favorite sermons.'

If you want a preview, google our website www.jgordonhenryministries.org. The homepage will appear. Click "Features" from the main menu. Then click "Sermon of the Month." Read the introduction to get a background. Then click November Sermon. Subject: "A Prayer for Christians" Text: **Colossians 1:1-12**. As you read this sermon, keep in mind your own family and your friends who have heard the gospel, believed, and placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. The truth is that the Christians you know need your prayers. Few Christians are prayed for regularly and you can change that for your own circle of Christian friends/family.

My inspiration for writing this sermon was listening to a message by **Dr. W. C. Boone**, Executive Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, at an annual meeting when I was in my twenties. Every word burned into my soul and I determined that I would use **Colossians 1:1-12** to guide my praying for other believers. The need to pray for family and friends has not diminished with the passing of the years. It is even more intense. Remember that if you are not praying for them, no one else is! Since 1980, a main focus of my life is

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

teaching the purpose and power of prayer in a six-hour seminar.

However, I am equally convinced a believer must pray for himself. It is right to pray for yourself. One could easily make a case that until you pray for yourself you are not ready to pray for others. One of the five elements of prayer is petition. Intercession is praying for others. Petition is from a Greek work that means asking someone to do something for you. It could be a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a stranger, OR God.

A tremendous pattern to use in praying for yourself is the prayer of **Jabez** recorded in **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**. When I wrote the prayer seminar workbook thirty-six years ago, I prepared a session labeled "Bible Examples of Prayer." If you have a workbook, this session is on pages 11-13 and features **Jabez** from the Old Testament and

Jesus from the New Testament. When I wrote about **Jabez**, I said, "a man almost nobody knows." Later, **Bruce Wilkinson**, graduate of Northeastern Bible College (where I served as president) and the founder of Thru the Bible Ministries, wrote a small book **The Prayer of Jabez**. Millions around the world have read the book. Is it right to pray for yourself? The conclusion of the passage will answer that question, "And God granted that which he requested." We should pray for ourselves!

In the same manner that you use Paul's prayer for the Colossians to pray for others, you can use Colossians to pray for yourself. Years ago, we shared Terry Gooding's **PERSONAL PRAYERS from Colossians** as a **Doorkeeper Gift**. I have found this useful in my personal life and encourage you to use it in your life.

1. Lord God, help me to remember to give thanks to You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in all things and to maintain an attitude of prayer (1:3).
2. Build in me a strong faith in You and a love for all the saints (1:4).
3. Fill me with the knowledge of Your will in all areas of my life (1:9).
4. Teach me to walk in a manner worthy of You and to please You in all things (1:10).
5. Help me to bear fruit daily in the work I do and increase in the knowledge of You (1:10).
6. Help me to be strengthened with Your power that I may have endurance and patience (1:11).
7. Help me to always remember, as a believer, I have been delivered from darkness and brought into the kingdom of Your beloved Son (1:13).
8. I pray that You will have first place in everything in my life (1:18).
9. Father, I ask You to make my faith strong, stable, and fixed on the trust of the Gospel (1:23).
10. Please knit my heart together in love with other believers in the body of Christ (1:23).

11. Create in me good discipline and stability of faith in You (2:7).
12. Cause me to be firmly established in You, with a heart of gratitude (2:7).
13. Thank You, Lord, that through Your Son I have been made complete (2:10).
14. Teach me to keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at Your right hand (3:1).
15. Help me to focus my thoughts on Your purposes and not on worldly situations (3:2).
16. Please turn me away from all immorality, passion, greed, and idolatry (3:5).
17. Cause me to put aside anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from my mouth (3:8).
18. Help me to be always honest toward others (3:9).
19. I pray that my life will have compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience (3:12).
20. Give me a forgiving heart and patience with others, remembering how You have forgiven me (3:13).
21. Please help me choose to have a heart of love, which is the perfect bond of unity (3:14).
22. I pray that Your peace will rule in my heart (3:15).
23. I pray that Your Word will dwell richly within me (3:16).
24. Help me, as a wife, to give honor and respect to my husband (3:18).
25. Help me, as a husband and father, to grow in love for an understanding of my wife and children (3:19,21).
26. I pray that my children will be obedient to us as parents in all things because this pleases You (3:20).
27. In whatever I do show me how to perform my work happily for You, rather than for people (3:23).
28. Help me to devote myself to prayer, keeping alert in it, with an attitude of thanksgiving (4:2).
29. Teach me to be wise and to make the most of every opportunity to share the gospel with those I meet (4:5).
30. Fill all my words I speak with grace, so that I edify the people in my life (4:6).
31. Lord, help me to be faithful to whatever You have called me to, and help me fulfill it in faithfulness (4:17).

Certainly, taking a month and praying one of these petitions for yourself daily would make you a stronger **Lighthouse of Prayer**. That is what I plan to do.

Yours in Calvary love,
J. Gordon Henry

Thank You, Lord . . .



Christ has liberated us to be free.
Stand firm then and don't
submit again to a yoke of slavery.

GALATIANS 5:1

The Declaration of Independence concludes with this sentence: "And for the support of this Declaration; with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor,"

It is well to remember that the founders of the Republic were men of strong religious convictions: that they had faith in God, and that they put "a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence." It is this strong conviction of our founding fathers and the strong and abiding faith of Christian fathers today that has enabled our nation and church to attain the growth and greatness of today. Because of God's goodness and mercy to us we continue to exist as a free people. We say, "Thank You, Lord."

Let us examine our own commitment to the United States of America. Above all, let's ask the Lord for a national leader of His own choosing that can keep before us the fixed heritage that is ours and never let it slip away.

Lighthouses of Prayer

Our world lives in spiritual darkness with millions upon millions separated from God. During our lifetime, almost minute-by-minute, the darkness deepens. Anyone who reads the Bible knows that the hour is late. One day, it will be too late! Judgment Day is surely coming soon!

One night when **Robert Louis Stevenson** was a small boy, his nanny called him to come to bed. Oblivious to her summons, he was staring at something outside his nursery window. The nanny walked over, stood at his shoulder, and inquired patiently, "Robert, what are you looking at?" The little boy, without taking his eyes away from the window exclaimed in wonder as he pointed to the lamplighter who was lighting the streetlamps. "Look, Nanny! That man is putting holes in the darkness."

Should we be concerned about the darkness that is deepening all around us with the abominations and verbal assaults being flaunted openly? Yes, But remember that prayer is the primary way to push against the darkness and put holes in the blackness. The need is for each believer to be an intentional Lighthouse of Prayer. Each family! Each church! God is able! God is willing! God is waiting!

A church service can be the difference in heaven or hell for unsaved people who attend. An evangelistic spirit is one of the first fruits of a praying church. If your children are unsaved, you cannot afford to have them in a church where there is no burden for the lost. **THINK!**

BULLETIN CUBA NEWS

Based on a report that a prayer seminar movement is quickly forming in central Cuba, the JGHM Board of Directors decided at its August 12th meeting to allocate funds to help establish the ministry there. An example of the support that will be given is to provide funds for Spanish prayer seminar workbooks for **Digmar Lugo** to use. Digmar wrote: "Here we are feeling the impact of the prayer seminars. We have invitations from Las Margaritas and the province of Sancti Spiritus." Plans are for **Adam and Dianna Nathanson** to spend a month there in January 2017.

KENYA NEWS

Martin Shikuku reports that his commitment to establish Lighthouses of Prayer throughout East/Central Africa is still strong. He will share a schedule soon. He believes that Sudan needs to be included and is praying for an open door in this deeply unsettled nation.

VENEZUELA NEWS

Due to the political and economic unrest, Adam will return to Venezuela alone in the middle of September. He hopes that conditions will be so that Dianna and his son, David, will be able to return later in the year. Pray for this nation during difficult days.

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NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 3051. Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do but does not get you anywhere.

Note 3052. The same God who lead you in will lead you out.

Note 3053. Wash your face every morning in a path of praise. **C.H. Spurgeon**

Note 3054. It is not enough simply to know what the Word says; we must obey it.

Note 3055 As we commit Scripture to memory, we are positioning ourselves to mind transformation.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

July 21--August 19, 2016

Regular 46 \$15,507.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

PRAYER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2016

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

HOSEA 1-3 (Mexico 120.2M)

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

Allie Allen (LA)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

HOSEA 4-6 (Micronesia 105.681)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (OK)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Tim Bash--GCCC (NJ)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

HOSEA 7-8 (Moldova 3.6M)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

HOSEA 9-11 (Monaco 30.500)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

HOSEA 12-13 (Mongolia 32.9M)

Janice Bugg (TN/Eng)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

Joeretha Capers (FL)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

JOEL 1-3 (Montenegro 650.036)

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

AMOS 1-2 (Montserrat 5.212)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

John Davis (VA)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

AMOS 3-5 (Morocco 33M)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

AMOS 6-7 (Mozambique 24.7M)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom

(NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

James Fugate (CA)

Travis & Emilee Fulcher (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

AMOS 8-9 (Namibia 2.2M)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim Hengoe (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

OBADIAH (Nauru 9.488)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 14

JONAH (Nepal 31M)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

William/Marsha Jester (DE)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

MICAH 1-2 (Netherlands 16.9M)

Millicent John (NY)

Bob & Rhonda Johnson (VA)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

MICAH 3-5 (N Caledonia 267,840)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church

(KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)

Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

Korean Branch:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

MICAH 6-7 (New Zealand 4.4M)
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Rachel Mann (NC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
 Wilma Marcum (KY)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NAHUM (Nicaragua 5.8M)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

HABAKKAK (Niger 17.5M)
 Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (VA)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
 Peter Dorn, Pastor
 Betty Nichols (WA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ZEPHANIAH (Niue 1,190)
 Barbara Powell (NY)
 Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Haggai (Norfolk Isle 2,210)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Alice Riddick (NC)
 Joyce Riley (KY)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
 Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred Rolater (TN)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

ZECH 1-2 (N Mariana Isl 51,170)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (IL)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ZECH 3-4 Norway 5.1M)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
 (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Ray Shields (VA)
 Richard Shorter (NJ)
 Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
 William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ZECH 5-6 (Pakistan 196.2M)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ZECH 9-11 (Pakistan 196.2M)
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ZECH 12-14 (Palau 21,186)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Patsy Ann Voss (DE)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Kay Wice (GA)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

MALACHI (Panama 3.6M)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
 Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Jon & Selema Wood (PA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)

**JESUS DISTINCTLY AND EMPHATICALLY SAID,
 "MY HOUSE IS TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER."
 END OF DISCUSSION.**

DAILY INTERCESSION

HEALTH

Burma Abbott [Zane] (VA)
 Milcie Arnold [Carrol] (VA)
 Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] GA
 Joe Bruno [Martha] AZ
 Margarie Coffee (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Georgia Covington [Foster] (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold Decker [Tama] NJ
 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)
 Bill Moody [Sharon] (VA)
 Fred Rolater (TN)
 Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Donna Thompson [Larry] (VA)
 Willie Troutman [Diane] (KY)

LOOKING AHEAD--OCTOBER

MISSIONS CONFERENCE,
 15-16 GLOUCESTER COUNTY
 COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Washington Township, New Jersey

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ben & Judy Armacost (Europe)
 Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
 Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)
 Digmar & Lisbeysi Lugo (Cuba)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
 Paula Tipton (Thailand)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
 Robert & Joanne Waisamam (Brazil)
 Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

Pray for safety and that
 the Word of the Lord will
 have free course.

As I enter a new year of life and ministry, I ask you to continue to hold Sue and me up in prayer as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses: **Exodus 17:11-12 B**. This will help us to walk the narrow way (**Matthew 7:13-14**). As we so walk, God's grace will be sufficient for us (**2 Corinthians 12:9**). I am excited about the plans we have made to carry us through September 30, 2020 when I celebrate my 85th birthday as the Lord opens doors and provides.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE HOMEGOING OF DOORKEEPER WALT VOSS

6/25/1935-12/272012
 Harrington, Delaware

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MARIE THROGMORTON
 2/1/1925-7/29/2016

Kevil, Kentucky
 MOTHER OF DOORKEEPER
 SONJA HOSICK (Mrs. Mike)
 Tellico Plains, Tennessee
 Pray for Patsy Voss and the Hosicks.
 "Absent from the body ...
 Present with the Lord."
 (2 Corinthians 5:1,8)



SUNRISE AT THE HENRY'S ROCK GARDEN

Day by Day

Soon after assuming the presidency of Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, New Jersey, in 1980, I was informed that the Board of Governors had formed an Inauguration Committee headed by **Susie Kauffmann (Mrs. Howard)**. The date had been set (September 27) and other details needed to be addressed. In keeping with tradition, the committee felt it would be appropriate to invite another president to bring the inaugural address. The board chairman, **Jim Lane**, suggested **Dr. J. Robertson McQuilkin**, president of Columbia Bible College (SC). That sounded good to me. The executive director for the American Association of Bible Colleges, **Dr. John Mostert**, would be invited, as well as a representative of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools since Northeastern held accreditation in both agencies. That, too, met my approval. Of course, the renown **Euraquillo**, the Northeastern Bible College chorale, would perform. "Do you have a special selection you want included?" The answer was "Yes." "Do you have someone in mind to sing it?" I did, indeed. My selection was "Day by Day," and our daughter, **Mona Henry**, would be the soloist. Her accompanist would be **Nancee Olsen** (Mrs. Norm), chairman of the NBC Music Department who has served as organist, Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. Soon the program was finalized.

Jesus prayed

Jesus had a very busy day in Capernaum. He taught in a synagogue service, cured a demon-possessed man, healed Peter's mother-in-law, and faced a great crowd of diseased and demonized people. Instead of sleeping in the next morning, He got up a great while before day to pray (Mark 1:35; Luke 4:42). When the disciples found Him and reminded Him that a great crowd was waiting to see Him again, He told them that He must move on to other towns and villages.

What lessons can we learn for our own praying? The busier the day, the greater the need for going aside to pray. Marching orders for the day come from the quiet place of prayer. Prayer clears the vision, defines the duty, sweetens the spirit, and strengthens the resolved. Before you begin your work in the morning, don't forget to spend time with your Heavenly Father; Jesus didn't forget! If the Son of God needed to begin His day with prayer, so should we.

During my tenure at Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University), I had the privilege of serving as pastor for Pleasant View Baptist Church, which had recently celebrated its centennial. Initially, **Mona** was the organist at PVBC. When she left for Converse College, we invited **Ruth Elmer** to serve as organist, I had hired her husband, **Richard**, to serve as the Director for Library Services at LBC. We invited Mr. Elmer to be soloist at PVBC and were often blessed by his renditions. One Sunday he sang "Day by Day,"

written by Karolina W. Sandell-Berg. My heart was deeply touched. The lyric expressed my personal desire to trust the LORD fully day by day. The performance could not have been better. Thus, the much loved hymn, "Day by Day" became a favorite.

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Power.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy word.
Help me Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments meeting
'Til I reach the promised land.

Certainly **day by day** and **step by step** is God's way. On the despairing shores of the Red Sea the Israelites could not see what was in the distance. They had no binoculars that could view Canaan or even the opposite shore. But the Lord gave them a simple plan" tell the children of Israel to go forward. Someone has observed, **"God never gives guidance for two steps at a time. I must take one step, and then I get light for the next. This keeps the heart in abiding dependence upon God."**

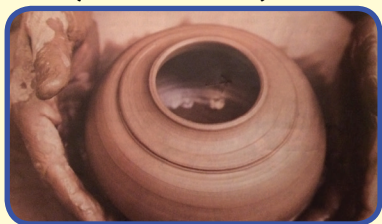
The pillar of cloud led them forward **day by day**" (Nehemiah 9:19 TLB). **"Day by day** the Lord also pours out His steadfast love upon me" (Psalm 42:8 TLB). **"Your strength shall be renewed day by day** like morning dew" (Psalm 110:3). **"Give us day by day** our daily bread" (Luke 11:3). **"The Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day,** singing with loud instruments unto the Lord" (2 Chronicles 30:21). **"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day"** (2 Corinthians 4:16), We will walk HAND IN HAND with Jesus upward and onward. Sue and I will walk together and trust the LORD!



SEPTEMBER IS LETTER-WRITING MONTH

Recently, I read through letters received in the late 1980s during September Letter-Writing Month. Several shared what being a Doorkeeper meant to them. Not only was my heart humbled and encouraged, I felt an enormous responsibility to do my best to represent Christ and these Doorkeepers in each prayer seminar. Through the grace of God, His strength and presence have kept this feeling fresh down through the years in each of the 1,714 prayer seminars, the sermons delivered, and the evangelism clinics throughout the world. God is good.

Under the leadership of **Dr. Kwang Suk Shin**, the JGHM-Korean Branch for many years produced an annual Doorkeeper Calendar to share with the Korean Doorkeepers and friends. This 1994 calendar corresponds with September 2016 and reminds us of the privilege of sitting at the feet of Jesus (Luke 10:38-42).



As I read the September letters, I relive in memory the fellowship of my friends and my students. I will cherish each 2016 letter as I have the letters down through the years, letters that I can lay at the feet of my Potter who continues to mold me into a usable vessel.

Friendship means identity in thoughts, heart, and spirit. Communicating with one another keeps our friendship fresh. Sue and I are grateful that we can call so many "friends" and communicate with you monthly through the **Reflector**, through note-sharing, e-mails, and phone calls. Paul encapsulated his feelings to the believers in Philippi by saying, "I have you in my mind, my heart, and my prayers." That expresses my thoughts of you.

Your message need not be long. Catch us up with happenings in your life. Send a recent photo for the **Doorkeeper Prayer Board** if you have one. Some years, we have had over one-hundred letters. Perhaps this year, we could have 126, two for each year of my ministry. A special September Letter-Writing note card is attached.