

REFLECTOR

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Twenty-five years ago in Nigeria January 19 February 6, 1987

It was in **Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria**, working with the **Ibo** people, that I met **Dr. Jim Britt**, who became a special friend and colleague. We were there, under the leadership of **Dr. Gene Williams**, to conduct evangelistic meetings. My responsibility included providing prayer seminars, as well. When we returned home, Jim invited me to share the prayer seminar with his people at the **Highland Gardens Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama** on September 27, 1987. We discussed, at that time, his desire to establish his own evangelistic ministry. Upon returning home to **Murfreesboro, Tennessee**, I sent him copies of our incorporation papers to use as a model for his own.

It was through a 2006 invitation from Dr. Britt to teach a course on prayer at the **East Africa Bible Institute** in **Kenya**, that our own work in **East and Central Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, D.R. Congo)** was launched. One of the highlights of my month is to receive his monthly publication, **Good News**. His book entitled **Revelation Unveiled** (available from W. Jim Britt Ministries, PO Box 671, Mountain City GA 30562) is the most helpful book on Revelation in my library. His work as a missionary statesman and an ardent evangelist has encompassed fifty nations. He and his wife, **Judy**, are constantly on the road sharing the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel. In an era when revival meetings have been cast aside by many churches, I strongly recommend that you invite him to come to your church and lead a **revival** because that is exactly what happens when he preaches. He is anointed by God. I hope you will ponder over his article that follows: **25 Things I wish I'd known 50 Years Ago**. Let me add a 26th word of wisdom directly from **Dr. Britt** himself: **“Over the past 50 years much has changed; one thing has remained my love for and faith in the WORD OF GOD!”**

Congratulations, Dr. Jim, upon completing 50 Years of Ministry. Thank you for being an exemplar for the rest of us who are in ministry. I believe even you will be surprised when you arrive Home to Heaven at the impact that your ministry has made around the world. May God continue to use you to touch lives and be Jehovah-Jireh to you, your family, and your ministry worldwide.

SPECIAL NOTE. In preparing this article, I reviewed the March 1987 report to the **Doorkeepers** following the time in Nigeria. As you read and ponder these words, remember that God has not changed. He is able! He is willing! He is waiting for us to call on Him. This is the missing element in many churches around the world. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work and there is little emphasis on prayer.

March 2, 1987

Dear Doorkeepers,

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To God our Savior, who alone is wise, BE GLORY AND MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER, both now and forever. Amen.” (**Jude 24-25**).

Greetings in the name of our faithful Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (**John 15:7**).

Nigeria Report

Your prayers were answered dramatically in the 1987 Nigerian crusade. As I reflect on those precious days, I can only say what the psalmist said: “I will meditate also on all Your work, and talk of Your deeds . . . Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders . . .” (**Psalm 77:12-14**).

Evangelistic services. There was an amazing harvest of Nigerian souls with **11,089 registered decisions** for salvation. These folks stepped forward to receive Christ. Each audibly prayed the prayer of salvation submitting his/her name and address for extensive follow-up souls who renounced all false gods. As the Holy Spirit moved, it was apparent that prayers were being answered. There is no other explanation. Hearts were open to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Although many, many children came to Christ, the only registered decisions were those twelve years old and above. I had the privilege of preaching out in the jungle in a village. Over fifty were saved in the very first service.

The prayer seminars. There were at least 700 who were in the prayer seminars. One seminar was for the students at the **Baptist Bible College in Owerri, Imo State**. Several of the students were already serving churches as pastors. The youngest pastor was 16. Already there have been letters from a number of these students including the young pastor. One great need at the Bible college is books for the library. Hopefully, we will be able to help during the next few months. Many of the students need a good study Bible as well. There are around thirty students enrolled.

A seminar was conducted for pastors and leaders of the **Animo Baptist Convention**, along with lay leadership. Most of the twenty-three American pastors attended as well. In fact **one Florida pastor testified that he felt that the Holy Spirit had directed him to travel thousands of miles simply to be in the prayer seminar.**

A final seminar was conducted for the **Owerri Baptist Church** which averages over 700 on Sunday. Several hundred stayed quite late on Sunday to complete the seminar, which was longer than the usual six hours since I had to teach through an interpreter. One major development was the decision of **U. M. Unamba** to lead a prayer seminar ministry in **Nigeria** using the prayer seminar workbook. He is chairman of the Department of Humanities and Social Science in **Owerri College**. I am thrilled since he is an unusually gifted man of God. Place him on your prayer list as he works out the details to pick up this ministry in **Nigeria**, a nation of 110 million people. The need is great as Nigeria is presently a military state. There were roadblocks all around. There is a major conflict between Moslems, who appear to be in control of the government, and Christians who are often attacked and killed. By providing the prayer seminar, we believe that our ministry can continue to be a blessing in Nigeria and make a difference. **U. M. Unamba** is our

very first official co-worker in the prayer seminar ministry in another nation. A major factor in making the seminars very productive was the fact that we could provide prayer seminar workbooks for those attending. Praise God for the partners who stood with us providing the funds needed to make this ministry possible.

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25 Things I wish I'd Known 50 Years Ago!

Dr. W. Jim Britt
Mountain City, Georgia

As long as I can remember, I have had an insatiable desire to learn. As a result, one of my practices over the years has been to read the sayings of various wise individuals (thousands to date). Solomon, the wisest man on earth during his time said: *Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it costs all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you (Prov. 4:7-8).*

As I reflect on fifty years of ministry, I have listed below the twenty-five quotes that I believe have had the greatest effect upon my life. My regret is that it took me so long to learn some of them. *Enjoy and learn!*

1. Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)**
2. Be not troubled about those who are with you or against you, but take care that God be with you in everything you do. **Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)**
3. The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. **Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1912)**
4. Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible obstacles must be first overcome. **Samuel Johnson (1708-84)**
5. The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. **Mark Twain (1835-1910)**
6. A single conversation across a table with a wise man is worth a month's study of books. (**Chinese proverb**)
7. You can see further on the shoulders of a giant. (**Sir Walter Raleigh (1554-1618)**)
8. If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere. **Henry Ward Beecher (1833-87)**
9. That which does not kill us makes us stronger. **Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)**
10. An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind. **Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)**
11. One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives. **Euripides (480-406 BC)**
12. Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. **Abraham Lincoln (1809-65)**
13. God judges what we give by what we keep. **George Muller (1805-98)**
14. If you judge people, you have no time to love them. **Mother Teresa (1910-97)**
15. Small numbers make no difference to God. There is nothing small if God is in it. **Dwight Moody (1837-99)**



Jim Britt in Owerri Pastor's Seminar--1987

16. Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God. **Ronald Reagan (1911-2004)**
17. He that goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing. **Benjamin Franklin (1706-90)**
18. A little learning is a dangerous thing. **Alexander Pope (1688-1744)**
19. The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are sometimes right. **Winston Churchill (1874-1965)**
20. The things that we love tell us what we are. **Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)**
21. There comes a time in your life when you realize who matters, who never did, who won't anymore, and who always will. So don't worry about people from your past; there's a reason why they didn't make it to your future. **Adam Lindsay Gordon (1833-70)**
22. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. **Mark Twain (1835-1810)**
23. Holiness, not happiness, is the chief end of man. **Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)**
24. You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. **C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)**
25. In the end it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years. **Abraham Lincoln (1809-65)**

Itinerary: 2010-11

(Winter-Spring)

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

December

- 17 Areawide- Elk Rapids
Elk Rapids, Michigan
- 18 A.M. Evangelism Clinic/
Preaching

January

- 5-23 Cuba
- Havana **POSTPONED**
 - Holguin **DUE TO VISA**
 - Placetas **PROBLEM**
 - Santa Clara

February

- 4 Board of Directors
Murfreesboro TN
- 24-29 Prayer Seminars: Venezuela
Caracas

March

- 1-12 Prayer Seminars: Venezuela
- Ciudad Bolivar (26 churches)
 - San Felix (9 churches)
 - Puerto Ordez (6 churches)
 - Y Upata (8 churches)
 - Bolivar State (19 churches)
- 22-25 Pennsylvania
- 23 Pastors-Leaders Prayer Seminar
Monogahela PA
- 24 First Baptist Church,
Monogahela
- 25 First Baptist Church,
Monogahela

April

- 27-30 Prayer Seminar-Kentwood MI
Unity Reformed Church

May

- 4-22 Prayer Seminars: Kenya (15
seminars)

Christian in large type

We ought to be Christian in large type, so that it would not be necessary for others to be long in our society, or to regard us through spectacles, in order to detect our true discipleship. The message of our lives should resemble the big advertisements which can be read on the street by all who pass by.

F. B. Meyer

Description of a Christian

He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen. He talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on virtue of Another, empties himself in order that he might be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up. He is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passeth knowledge.

A. W. Tozer

A test of love

“Show me how much you know of the sufferings of your fellowmen, and I will tell you how much you have loved them.”

Helmut Thielicke

“It is well to remember that reading books about the Bible is a very different thing to searching the Word for oneself.” **H. A. Ironside** (American Bible teacher, pastor, and author. Authored more than 60 volumes including highly regarded commentaries on the books of the Bible. For 18 of his 50 years of ministry, he was pastor at Moody Memorial Church in Chicago).

Evangelistic Crusade in South Africa



Zane Abbott--Missionary/Evangelist

“The fields are white” in South Africa. Under the auspices of **JGHM Southern Africa Branch**, prayer seminars have been conducted in **Botswana, Lesotha, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zambia**. We have literally blanketed **South Africa** with multiple seminars in every state. Our focus has been the indigenous churches in the Black Townships. Generally, there have been no Christian growth opportunities in these churches.

Although the prayer seminars are in a teaching format, many have come to Christ for salvation. It is apparent that there is an openness to the Gospel. **JGHM Southern Africa Branch** has invited one of our **Doorkeepers** to conduct a series of evangelistic services February 27 March 13 in **Welkom, Free State** working with **Leslie Motsalane**, our coordinator. **Zane Abbott** lives in Forest, Virginia. He and his wife, **Burma**, have served as missionaries for thirty years (Canada, eight years and Japan, twenty-two years) and certainly have the world on their hearts. **Zane** will be accompanied by his brother, Glenn, and son-in-law, **Greg Sloan**. Please put them on your prayer list. We are praying for a great harvest of souls.

God's claim

God has a claim on our lives through the undeniable right of creation. But He has an even stronger claim through the right of purchase. God says, "You are not your own, for you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The richest man

He is the richest man in the esteem of the world who has gotten most. He is the richest man in the esteem of Heaven who has given most.

F. B. Meyer

The Object of our Faith

Some people say faith moves mountains. That is not true. God moves mountains. Faith is no better than its object. Faith in faith is nothing but positive thinking. If you put faith in positive thinking, you are going to become discouraged.

There are some who teach that if you will simply believe God for something, that He will give you that thing. That is simply not true. If you try to apply that teaching to your life, after awhile Satan is going to say, "You really don't have what it takes."

Don't get the idea that because your faith is weak that your prayers are not reaching heaven. Weak faith in God is better than strong faith in anything else. Faith is what counts. It is not the size of your faith, it is the object of your faith that really counts.

—Adrian Rogers

Fruitbearing

Fruitbearing for a Christian is not simply a "good idea," it is the reason God left you in the world after you were saved.



GOD
BLESS
AMERICA!

NOTES
from my
BIBLE

Note 2071. What you do with Jesus determines where you will "be" in eternity.

Note 20572. Don't forget: Heaven and Hell are the ultimate realities.

Note 2073. Heaven, not hell, was formed with mankind in mind.

Note 2074. Heaven is ours at no cost to us; Jesus paid the cost with His death.

Note 2075. Let Scripture's images of the lake of fire deepen your awareness of what it means to be saved.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

December 21-January 19

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THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

WELCOME NEW DOORKEEPERS!

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
Anita Horton (VA)
Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN)
Robert & Rhonda Johnson (CT)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Norman & Mary Zink (MI)

PRAYER CALENDAR**FEBRUARY 2012**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1****Leviticus 1-3 (Nauru 9,322)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**Leviticus 4-7 (Nepal 29.4M)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (VA)

Consuela Baker (NC)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**Lev 8-10 (Netherlands 16.8M)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**Leviticus 11-15 (New****Caledonia 256,275)**

Bob Bouchard (KY)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Mary Ann Brown (GA)

Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Arretta Bruce (KY)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Carol Buck (NJ)

James Burk (IL)

Janice Bugg (TN/CHINA)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)

Joretha Capers (FL)

Pat & Cindy Caparossi (MI)

Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**Lev 18-20 (New Zealand 4.3M)**

David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)

Foster /Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**Lev 21-23 (Nicaragua 5.7M)**

Robert/ Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrane/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Beverly Curtis (PA)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John & Margaret Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**Leviticus 24-27 (Niger 15.5M)**

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Ivy Early (NC)

Walt Edwards (NC)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**Numbers 1-4 (Nigeria 155.5M)**

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**Numbers 5-8 (Niue 1,311)**

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Windy Goodner (OK)

Sam & Michele Graisbury (NJ)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Tim/Merry Gregory (Thailand)

Charles Hale (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**Num 9-12 (Norfolk Isle 2,169)**

Bruce/Gina/Sean Henry (VA)

Doug Henry (TN)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Jamey Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert & Almareta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. Hutchins (LA)

Larry /Carolyn Hutchinson (VA)

Jide & Bunmi Iwarere (MD)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**Num 13—16 (N Mariana 46,050)**

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Gene & Rosemarie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN)

Robert & Rhonda Johnson (CT)

Wilbur & Gwen Johnson (AZ)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**Num 17-20 (Norway 4.7M)**

James/ Geneieve Jones (FL)

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Jean Jonte (SC)

Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Howard/ Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper & Sheila Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Robert & Rose Klous (VA)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Numbers 21-25 (Oman 3M)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Bran :Dr Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramer (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Craig & Mollie Lampe (AZ)
Phil Landers (OK)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Num 26-30 (Pakistan 187.3M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
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)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Numbers 31-33 (Palau 20,956)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Dan Martin (VA)
Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA))
Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Num34-36 (Panama 3.5M)

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Church (VA)
Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Deut 1-4 (Papau N Guinea 6.2M)

French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S. Africa)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Deut 5-7(Paraguay 6.5M)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
Sandy Pederson (MI)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
Mildred Pittman (NC)
Ben Poplin (VA)
Ayers Porter (TN)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Deut 8-11 (Peru 29.2M)

David & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
John Reed (NH)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
Dudley/ Isabel Robotham (NY)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Deut 12-16 (Venezuela 27.6M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
Sandra Rumore (VA)
Denise Russell (OR)
John Saint (PA)
Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Deut 17-20 (Venezuela 27.6M)

Philip/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
Dennis/ Monica Shannon (OH)
Wonsub.YoungMi Sheen (Korea)
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
Eric Farel, Pastor
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
Mary Skiles (KS)
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Deut 21-26 (Venezuela 27.6M)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Deut 27-30 (Venezuela 27.6M)

Earline Thigpen (TN)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D. & Jackie Thomason (TN))
Montez Thompson (CO)
Paula Tipton (Thailand)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28
Deut 31-32 (Venezuela 27.6M)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
Tommy & Francis Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/(FL)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Doris Snyder Vernnall (FL)
George/Jeannette Vernachik (NJ)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow Ware (VA)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29
Deut 33-34 (Venezuela 27.6M)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos and Ceila Wipf (GA)
David & Lili Wykle (VA)
Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)
Norm & Mary Zink (MI)

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I will be Christian

“I will be Christian. Like a crimson line running through my life, let the covenant bind me to the will and way of Jesus.

“I will be Christian. My body, mind, and spirit Christ-centered, that I may learn His will; that I may walk His way; that I may win my associates, and that ‘in all things He might have the preeminence.’

“I will be Christian. My voice of passion in an age grown cold and cynical because of faltering faith and shrinking deeds; my answer to the Macedonian call of spiritual continents unpossessed and unexplained.

“I will be Christian. In my heart, in my home, in my group, in my country now, to help save America that America may serve the world.

“I will be Christian. Across all lines of color and class, into every human relationship, without respect for temporal circumstance, in spite of threat and with no thought of reward.

“I will be Christian. That Christianity may become as militant as Facism; as terrible toward wrong as God’s hatred of sin; as tender with the weak as His love for little children; as powerful as the prayer of the righteous, and as sanctified as Calvary’s cross.

“I will be Christian . . . So help me God.”

Daniel A. Poling

IN LOVING MEMORY

**“Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints”
Psalm 116:15**

DOORKEEPERS
Dr. William Curtis III
1/8/1931--11/10/2011
Lancaster,, Pennsylvania

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3/14/1930--12/27/2011
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Sorrow

I walked a mile with Pleasure
She chatted all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow
And ne’er a word she said;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When sorrow walked with me!

Robert Browning

Little foxes

Solomon wrote about the little scavengers that can ruin the harvest. The vinedressers in the ancient Near East would make sure that the hedges and walls around the vineyards were kept in good repair so that the pesky little foxes would not be able to ruin the harvest. **John 15** tells us that our lives are like a vineyard and the Lord wants us to bear much fruit for Him. In order for us to bear fruit, we must beware of those little things, whether they be secret sins or petty irritations or personality weaknesses or other distractions that would ruin the Lord’s harvest and keep us from bearing fruit for Him. The Lord wants us to find the little foxes and do away with them. They won’t go away by themselves, but we have the Lord’s promise that if we stay close to Him, He will enable us to bear much fruit. He told us, *“without Me, you can do nothing?” (John 15:5B).*



Eleanor Grace Armstrong

It was just an overstuffed ordinary brown grocery bag, but it held my heart's treasures. I kept it hidden in the far corner of my closet where no eyes but mine could see its contents.

God has anointed me to proclaim His word. I have spoken in many places churches, Women's Aglows, conventions, ladies retreats, and tent meetings. The Lord has given me great success in praying for the sick; hundreds have been healed. I also write for the *Open Door Ministry*, a worldwide tract ministry. This ministry has touched millions of lives in many different countries in four different languages. I have received thousands of cards and letters of appreciation. The response has been great and letters of appreciation keep coming back to me.

Over the years I have kept those letters that had special meaning to me. These letters are the contents of my brown grocery bag.

In times of discouragement I opened the brown bag and encouraged myself by reading the "nice things" said about me. They were reminders that my labors were not in vain. To me the brown bag was innocent and harmless after all I did not flaunt its contents for others to see **BUT**.

As my birthday drew nearer and nearer this year I found my soul thirsting for the Living God. I desired and asked the Lord for only ONE THING that He would reveal Himself to me in such a way my emotions would be planted firmly on the Rock, Christ Jesus so that my body could be completely healed and new strength and a greater anointing could be on my life. Every time I prayed this way I was reminded of the brown bag hidden in the corner of my closet.

Finally the night before my birthday I emptied the contents of the brown bag on the floor and inquired of the Lord if there was something there that He wanted. The Lord spoke to my heart, "This is your **'BRAG BAG'** it contains the applause and 'well done' of men. Can you give it **ALL** to **ME**?"

I did not fully understand what God was saying to me until I put **ALL** the contents of my **BRAG BAG** into a garbage bag for the trash

collections. But when I became obedient, the Lord opened my eyes to these Scriptures:

"You cannot please both God and man."

"Encourage yourself in the Lord (not in other people's opinions). "Make your heart boast in the Lord" (not in the brag bag). Check your life and heart out with the Word of the Lord to see if you can be the "apple of His eye" (not the apple of the eyes of others).

"The Lord is a jealous God" (He will have no other gods or idols before Him. He shall have a people whose eyes are stayed on Him. Neither flattery nor spittle shall turn their heads.

Every idol of our hearts must be put on the altar. What is not surrendered fully to the Lord will be shaken until our only desire is for the Lord Jesus Christ our Heavenly Bridegroom.

As I walked the "brag bag" out the back door to the trash cans I held it before the Lord and declared with my whole heart, "Everything that those letters and cards represent, I surrender to YOU. If there be any praise, if there be any honor, any glory, I give it all back to You, Lord."

It was then that I heard another "Well Done" and I knew my emotions had

found their place in the Lord and God had, at last, His rightful place in my heart and affections. For this time the “**WELL DONE**” was not the voice of many, but that **ONE** from **ABOVE**.

Good advice about BOASTING

When you feel like boasting, boast about Jesus. Don't forget, “all things are yours” in Jesus Christ. Because you are His, and He is yours, glory in this world life, death, the present, the future all within your grasp.

Boast about your pastor; someone might come to hear him and be impressed. Boast about your church building; someone might come to see it, and compliment you. Boast about Jesus and someone might realize his spiritual need and be saved.

“So, then, no more boasting about men”

(1 Corinthians 3:18-23).



This is just what Heaven means to me

**1. A country where no twilight shadows deepen,
Unending day where night shall never be,
A city where no storm clouds ever gather,
Now this is just what Heaven means to me.**

Chorus:

**What will it be when we get over yonder
And join the throng upon the glassy sea?
To greet our loved ones and crown Christ forever,
Oh, this is just what Heaven means to me.**

**2. And when at last we see the face of Jesus,
Before whose image other loves all flee,
And then they crown him Lord of all, I'll be there,
Now this is just what Heaven means to me.**

Chorus:

**3. A place where there is no misunderstanding,
And from all enmity and strife we're free,
No unkind words to wound the heart are spoken,
Now this is just what Heaven means to me.**

Chorus

Return to Venezuela

Since 1992, when we first visited Venezuela for the prayer seminars, we have had this nation on our hearts. God has richly blessed with a special unction during the previous three visits.

The dates for this visit are February 24--March 12. The first six days will be in Caracas. We will then move to the largest state, Bolivar, home to sixty-eight Baptist churches that have been growing rapidly. Forty-nine of the churches are in cities: Ciudad Bolivar (26), San Felix (9), Puerto Ordez (6), and y Upata (8). The other nineteen are scattered throughout the state distanced about an hour's drive apart. Pray for physical stamina and traveling grace. It appears that there will be a seminar most of the days.

The proposed budget is \$5,200 (international/domestic travel, lodging/food, and Spanish prayer seminar workbooks. Not only have there been several thousand in the prayer seminars, almost seven thousand have come to Christ. We are praying God will do it again!

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