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Looking for the Last One

by Dr. Steven Pearson

Many years ago the Lord spoke to me and said: *Son, go look for the Last One, for when the Last One is saved, I will return.* So I set out on the journey of my life, looking for the *Last One*.

One day while searching on an island in the Caribbean Sea, I met a man named Jim Britt, who was also looking for the *Last One*. We became fast and forever friends, brothers on a journey for Jesus, looking for the *Last One*.

Since then, our search has taken us to the uttermost parts of the earth. We have walked together through the snake infested jungles of the Amazon where the anaconda is king and the malaria-infested mosquito is queen, where thousands of people live in stick huts away from the air-conditioned comfortable domiciles of our mother-land. We hunted the huts and won hundreds to Christ, but the *Last One* was not found.

We have hiked through the rugged terrain of Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, and other African lands looking for the *Last One* in the mud hutted villages hidden away, far beyond anything called civilization. We have crossed rivers on foot-longes and climbed mountains with strange names, witnessing, preaching, sharing the Gospel, looking for the *Last One*. We have faced down the JuJu priests and lifted up Christ in hundreds of hidden places where no Gospel has been preached before, but we have not found the *Last One* on the Dark Continent to date. Maybe we will find him some day sitting

around one of the thousands of village campfires where the name of Jesus is still unknown.

We looked among the islands of the Philippines, dodging coups and para-military strife. We found many, many who needed Christ resting under the swaying palms, dreaming of a day when life would be better. But we did not find the *Last One* there.

We traveled to ancient Budapest, Romania, and even Transylvania—Count Blad’s blood-drenched land—carrying the light of our lovely Lord. Many, many were saved, but the *Last One* was not there.

Together we preached the unsearchable riches of Christ in bombed-out villages of Croatia. People had been brutalized by the endless string of wars, and it showed on their hopeless faces, until the *Prince of Peace*, brought joy back into their lives. Many heard, many believed, many were saved, but not the *Last One*.

My friend, Jim and I have journeyed several times to the crowded land of India bearing the message of the cross. We have preached on the crowded streets in sight of ancient temples dedicated to a myriad of gods. We told the good news in rice patties, slums, and Bombay’s brutal homeless quarters, where beggars barely survive on scraps from the garbage heaps. We found thousands ready to receive Christ, but we did not find the *Last One*.

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It has been an adventure walking with the great man whom I call “Jimbo.” The same fire burns in our bones. The same desire drives us on. The same need to find the *Last One* keeps us going, one more time, to one more place, and then another, my brother and I. Some say that we are crazy. We are—crazy for Christ! Some say we are obsessed. We are—obsessed with the call of Christ. Some say we are possessed. We are—possessed by the Holy Spirit who guides us on to the next continent, country, town, village, barrio; ever on, over the next mountain, sea, or trail. Ever on! Until at last, we find the *Last One* or die trying.

Jim and I will continue to circle the globe preaching and teaching the glorious Gospel of our precious Lord Jesus until at long last we find the *Last One*. Maybe we will find him this year, and then *the Lord shall descend from Heaven with a shout and the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God*, then Jim and I will have *run our race, finished our course, and kept the faith*. It has been an exciting adventure traveling on this journey with my friend and faithful servant of the Lord, “Jimbo.”

Note: **Dr. Jim Britt** and **Dr. Seven Pearson** have been special friends since we first ministered together in Nigeria in 1987. Both have hosted prayer seminars in their churches. Dr. Britt is president of the W. Jim Britt Ministries, Ocilla GA and Dr. Pearson is pastor of Meadow Baptist Church, Calhoun GA.

The Bible clearly teaches that one day—and no one knows the day nor the hour—the last person will be saved to complete the Bride of Christ (**Matthew 24:14**). At that time, the Father will direct the Son to return to earth and get His bride. What a day that will be for God’s children.

Be ready. Be watching. Be working. How tragic it would be if He returns and finds us asleep. Watch and pray! This means trusting God while at the same time being alert to what the enemy is doing.

A SHOCKING STATEMENT

Although the prayer seminar ministry is for all believers, Sue and I hold membership in a Southern Baptist church. The Southern Baptist Convention, with 16.2 million members, convened in Indianapolis, Indiana earlier in the month for its annual meeting. Having attended the annual meeting many times during my pastoral tenure, I know the excitement generated by the singing, the preaching, and the reporting. There were often twenty thousand messengers. Records were set in Sunday school attendance, souls won to Christ, and mission giving. Messengers rejoiced!

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The dash of life

A man stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the memorial program from <the beginning—to the end>. He noted that the first date was the date of birth and spoke of the last date, the date of death, with tears. But he said that what mattered most of all was the dash between the dates. For the dash represents the entire time that his friend spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved him knew what that line is worth. For it matters not how much we own (the cars, the house, the cash). What matters most is how we live and how we spend our dash.

So think, my friends. Think long and hard. Are there things in your life you’d like to change? For you never know how much time is left. You may now be at “dash-mid-range” or beyond. So just slow down enough to think what’s really true and real. And try hard to understand how other people feel. Be slow to anger. Show appreciation more. Love your neighbor as never before. Treat others with respect. More often wear a smile. Remember that this special dash will only last awhile.

And when your eulogy is being read with your life’s actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your DASH?

PERSPECTIVES

"I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies."

Psalm 119:59

Personal feelings inevitably erupt when pastors are criticized. Since each person lives in his own world of perception and carries around his own mental map of the world, experiences are seldom neutral. That is the way we are and it was through such a moment in my life that I learned a very valuable lesson that has molded my life significantly.

When I went away to Berea College (KY) from my Tennessee home in the foothills of the Smokies as a seventeen year old, I was eager to serve the Lord Jesus Christ totally and so committed my life. My heart was fixed. Prior to my eighteenth birthday, I was invited to serve as pastor of a church. A major part of my life during the next four years was my pastoral ministry. God poured out His blessings upon our work. The people God gave me to shepherd were warm, gracious, and supportive. In fact, they seemed happy to have me as their pastor! Upon graduation, I continued my pastoral work and entered my first year of teaching in the Berea City Schools.

Then God led us to move to a pastorate in a nearby city. Although the reception was tremendous and the growth of the church was more than we ever anticipated, I encountered my first critic. It seemed that seldom was he pleased with "how" I did it or "how" I said it! That hurt. As did Samuel, I took his rejection quite personal and grieved over it.

One special blessing was to have **H. B. Harris**, the greatest preacher I've ever known and my "dad" in the ministry, move from his Tennessee pastorate to one nearby. He watched over his "preacher boy" with tender care. When he perceived my grief, he called to tell me to be ready. We were going to Berea, Kentucky to visit **O. B. Mylum**, long-time pastor of Berea Baptist Church and a close friend and mentor.

When we gathered in Pastor Mylum's study, Harris led me to tell him my experience and probed until my innermost feelings were laid bare. Brother Mylum listened attentively. When I had finished my emotional recounting of my "undeserved mistreatment," he looked at me and asked: "Have you ever had a hangnail?" Of course, I had! "Did it hurt?" Of course, it did! "Did it kill you?" Of course, it did not! The wise, experienced pastor went on to say that over the years ahead I would always have hangnails, but none would be fatal. Rather, the pain would be a reminder that I needed to look toward God for my sustenance, not to man!

This was **a moment that molded** my outlook. Outlook determines outcome! Both Harris and Brother Mylum have gone to Heaven, but God used them in a way that made a difference.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

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I can imagine how the pastors felt when they listened to a message from **Jimmy Draper**. A former SBC president, he has opportunity to have his finger on the pulse of Southern Baptists. He observed there is a lack of passion for Christ in churches today. "Complacency surrounds our services. Deadness prevails. There is no fire in the altar. Our churches [and there are 45,000] flounder in apathy while the world plunges deeper into sin." Southern Baptists baptized fewer people last year (346,000) than they did in 1950 (376,000) when the convention had only six million members.

The work that must come before all other work, including evangelism, is prayer. Since there are few praying churches, expect the reports to be even more shocking **UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION.**

A prayer seminar could help. Pray about scheduling one for your church. Send us three possible dates and we will respond immediately. God's commands to pray have not changed. We need to understand them and obey them.

USA--GODLY HERITAGE

Did you know that the **Pledge of Allegiance** was in the news in the early 50's when the words "**under God**" were first included? I remember it as though it were yesterday. In 1954, as a result of a national campaign by the Knights of Columbus, Congress voted to add those important words, and the Pledge was re-written as we now know it. President Dwight David Eisenhower addressed Congress after the resolution was passed, stating, "in this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

Our reliance on God is acknowledged in the words of the Pledge. When that reliance was threatened recently by a circuit court ruling, the protests were loud and strong from every corner of the nation—from small towns to the highest members of Congress. The words "**under God**" signify the unity we have as a nation, and acknowledge God as the source of our rights and freedoms, just as was the case with our founding fathers.

President John Adam's perspective to the First Lady

President John Adams, our second president, expressed his great joy at the development of the new, independent nation, through a series of letters to his wife, Abigail. The following is an excerpt from one of the letters dated July 4, 1776: "[This day] will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty ... with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

President John Quincy Adams' question

"Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the fourth of July]?" May God bless America, the land with a godly heritage.

Paying the price for freedom

On July 4, 1776—232 years ago—fifty-six men put their lives on the line at the **Declaration of Independence** signing ceremony. Their signatures on the document would authenticate the charge of treason for any of these men. These men were convinced that their bold move was the sole choice that remained for them.

Thomas Jefferson was appointed to draft the document, and it was his task to express the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people after many years of frustration and oppression by the British crown. The "self-evident truths" of which Jefferson spoke were born out of the religious views of the Founding Fathers—that God is the giver of our human rights, not a king, and that it is His intent that His people enjoy those rights, including the right to self-government and taxation as well as religious freedom.

In signing the **Declaration of Independence**, they were genuinely putting their lives at stake, but this did not hold them back. **John Hancock** is said to have signed his name in such large letters that the King could read it without his spectacles. **Stephen Hopkins** of Rhode Island is said to have guided his right hand with his left, due to a nerve disorder. His words as he signed, "My hand trembles, but my heart does not."

Have you ever wondered what happened to the fifty-six men who signed the U. S. **Declaration of Independence**? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds of the hardship of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were

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merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means and well educated. But they signed the **Declaration of Independence** knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They signed and pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers, or both, looted the properties of **Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton**. **Francis Lewis** had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife and she died within a few months.

At the Battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.** noted that the British **General Cornwallis** had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged **General George Washington** to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and **Nelson** died bankrupt.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. **Morris** and **Livingston** suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the **American Revolution**. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-raising ruffians; they were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Our forefathers gave us an independent America! Can we keep it? As the salt of the earth, Christians can preserve America—if we will! During these challenging times, may God bless America!

IN GOD WE TRUST!

Special visitors



DR. HENRY & LARRY MASON

Salem Baptist Church, Crozier, Virginia, has hosted three prayer seminars, the first one twenty-three years ago. It was easy to fall in love with **Pastor Ed Carmichael**, his wife, **Faye**, and the folks at Salem. Following one of the seminars, **Larry & Sue Mason** became faithful **Doorkeepers**. Over the years, Larry has shared the continuing impact of the prayer seminar ministry in his life.

Recently Larry brought two of his friends, **Rev. and Mrs. David Andersen**, to Lynchburg for a visit. David is the Virginia state director of Capitol Ministries, a ministry to state government (including all three branches—executive, legislative, and judicial). David is in Richmond at the invitation of state officials. A goal is to make disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ in the political arena and provide Bible studies. Since his retirement, Larry has worked for one of the Virginia legislators and is now working with David and Capitol Ministries. Their visit was an encouragement.

We encourage churches that have hosted prayer seminars to consider scheduling another one. Nothing would please us more than to return. Many who've been in multiple seminars have testified that they got more out of second or third seminars than the first. Talk it over with your church leadership and contact us.



All things being equal, the destiny of a man or nation may safely be predicted from the idea of God which that man or that nation holds. No nation can rise higher than its concept of God.

—A. W. Tozer

How big is your God?

Study 1 Kings 8:22-62

Solomon's Dedication Prayer for his temple followed by his exhortation and blessing toward his people is a passage that never grows old to the believer who wants to praise God, the Father, more meaningfully. Solomon began praying **standing** with hands spread toward Heaven before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the congregation of the Israelites (v 22). Isn't that a beautiful position to praise God? At some point, however, we see him **knelling** as he talked with God (v 54). It is not too difficult to imagine the glimpse of God's greatness and majesty that came to Solomon that brought him to his knees.

Listen to some of the king's declarations: "Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee . . . There has not failed one Word of all [Your] good promise. The Lord is God and . . . there is none else" (vv 27, 56, 60).

How big is your God? J. B. Phillips (**Your God is Too Small**) accused Christians of cutting the infinite God revealed in Scripture down to puny human dimensions and then to pray like God is weak, finite, and even fickle in keeping His promises. In the light of His greatness, there is no problem too big for God; neither is there any circumstance that is too complex for Him.

Meditate on what you know about God. Then, spend some time reading **1 Kings 8:22-62** in the light of your understanding. You will be surprised at the difference this will make in your thoughts. In good times or bad times (when trouble comes), let's focus on God's sovereign hands at work in our lives and trust Him completely.

Praying for self—Petition

"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask**, and you will receive, that your joy may be full (**John 16:24**). You can learn to claim Scriptures for yourself by personalizing them as specific requests.

ASK FOR GUIDANCE. "Make me know Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me. For You are the God of my salvation. For You I wait all the day . . . Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path because of my foes" (**Psalms 25:4-5; 27:11**).

Remember, after David became clean before God, God promised that He would do three things for the king (**Psalms 32:8**)—three things that I need in my life daily: (1) "instruct"—which literally means "enable you to behave yourself wisely," (2) "teach"—which can mean "point out with My finger the way you should go; and (3) "guide you with My eye"—which denotes a close walk of fellowship that would result in discerning God's way just as a mother guides a child with a look.

Guidance is available from the only Guide who truly knows the path ahead. You and I do not have to walk alone. We can pray for ourselves and God will answer.

A prayer for today

Dear God, Your Word says "those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Please renew my strength; help me to run this race of life and live for you without becoming weary; help me to stand for what's right, to walk forward and not faint. Thank You for Your promises. Thank You for lifting me up and sustaining me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

NOTE: LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR BIBLE STUDY IN THE LIGHT OF THINGS TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

PRAYER CALENDAR**JULY 2008**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b**TUESDAY, JULY 1****PROVERBS 1-4 (Eritrea 4.9M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Burnace Abrams (OH)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Rosalee Adams (VA)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)
 Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**PROVERBS 5-9 (Estonia 7.3M)**

Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Kenneth Banks (NC)
 Carolyn Barkley (NY)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
 John & Joan Bateman (PA)

THURSDAY, JULY 3**PROVERBS 10-13 (Ethiopia 76.5)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Bethesda Ministries
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
 Dorothy Spickard Biddle (NC)
 Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
 Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

FRIDAY, JULY 4**PROV 14-17 (Euro Union 460.1M)**

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
 William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
 Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)

Von M. Bridges (TX)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Shirley Brown (VA)

SATURDAY, JULY 5**PROV 18-21 (Falkland Isl 3,105)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
 Joe & Maartha Bruno (AL)
 Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Janice Bugg (TN)
 Ruby Burger (TN)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Neal & Mary Ann Cabannis (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)
 Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

David & Martha Cecil (VA)
 Merry J Chandler (MD)
 Mary Clarke (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Margarie Coffee (VA)
 Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
 Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Joel & Paula Criz (HI)

MONDAY, JULY 7**PROV 22-24 (Faroe Isl 47,511)**

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8**PROVERBS 25-29 (Fiji 918,675)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
 Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Walt Edwards (NC)
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Evalena Enoch (VA)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Lynne Farrow (NJ)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**PROVERBS 30-31 (Finland 5.2M)**

June Fisher (TN)
 Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)
 Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Carole B. Garvin (PA)
 Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

THURSDAY, JULY 10**ECCLE 1-6 (France 60.1M)**

Frances Glass (AL)
 Gloucester Co. Community Church
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (NJ)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim & Joyce Hengood (FL/CT)

FRIDAY, JULY 11**ECCLE 7-12 (Fr Polynesia****278,963)**

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)
 Doug Henry (TN)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger Henry (OH)
 Sean Henry (KS)
 Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodges (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

SATURDAY, JULY 12**SONG SOLOMON (Gaboa 1.5M)**

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
 Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)
 Bonnie Houston (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert & Almareta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
 Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)
 Peter & Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Tara Johnson (KY)
 Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

MONDAY, JULY 14**ISAIAH 1-4 (Gambia 1.7M)**

Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Joyce Kelley (OR)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Bruce Kirby, Pastor
 Alice Kern (NJ)
 Archie & Mary King (TN)

Kenneth & Bonnie Kirby (PA)

TUESDAY, JULY 15

ISAIAH 5-7 (Gaza Strip 1.5M)

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)

David & Cathy Laing (FL)

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)

Phil & Loretta Landers (OK)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

ISAIAH 8-12 (Georgia 4.6M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD)

Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)

Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)

Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)

George & Ginger Locklear (NC)

Stacy Logsdon (KY)

Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

ISAIAH 13-16 (Germany 82.4M)

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

Bill & Mirle Matheny (VA)

Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

FRIDAY, JULY 18

ISAIAH 17-20 (Ghana 22.9M)

Gary & Anna McElwaine (KY)

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)

Jim & Lin McLean (TN)

John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)

Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Church (VA)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

ISAIAH 21-23 (Gibraltar 27,967)

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)

Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)

New Harvest Christian Min (MD)

Marcus Johnson, Pastor

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

MONDAY, JULY 21

ISAIAH 24-27 (Greece 10.7M)

Ann Palumbo (NJ)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Pleasant Hope Baptist Church (KY)

Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

TUESDAY, JULY 22

ISAIAH 28-30 (Greenland 56,344)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)

John & Sandra Roberts (FL)

Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)

Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

ISAIAH 31-35 (Grenada 89,971)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)

David & Amy Ross (KY)

Sandra Rumore (VA)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)

David & Betty Schaum (NY)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)

Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

THURSDAY, JULY 24

ISAIAH 36-39 (Guam 173,456)

Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

FRIDAY, JULY 25

ISAIAH 40-43 (Guatemala 12.8M)

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)

Doris Snyder (FL/OH)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Carol Snow Stewart (AZ)

Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

SATURDAY, JULY 26

ISAIAH 44-48 (Guernsey 65,574)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

MONDAY, JULY 28

ISAIAH 49-51 (Guinea 9.9M)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

TUESDAY, JULY 29

ISA 52-57 (Guinea-Bissau 1.5M)

Tommy Waddell (TN)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau Ware (VA)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

ISAIAH 58-62 (Guyana 769,095)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward Williams (NC)

Elijah Williams (NJ)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)

Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)

Stephen Latong (Nigeria)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S. Africa)

Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

ISAIAH 63-66 (Haita 8.3M)

Imesimus Sule (Nigeria)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)

Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Dot Winfield (MD)

Amos Wipf (GA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacker, Pastor

Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)

Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)

Lili Wykle (VA)

Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

Back to Brazil

August 21-September 3

There is no doubt about it. I consider our first visit to Brazil (our twenty-ninth nation) in 1997 a highlight of the international phase of our work. There were nine prayer seminars and six leadership conferences, along with other ministry. Since many of the Portuguese testimonies were translated and one hundred Polaroid pictures were taken, it has been a blessing to go back and re-live this time with **Mark & Paula Schollaert** and with **Adam & Diana Nathanson**. Adam was the catalyst. Although he was unable to attend a prayer seminar conducted at his college in Baltimore (Maryland Bible College and Seminary), he heard enough to lead him to invite Sue and me to come to Belo Horizonte where he was serving as a missionary. Subsequently, Adam has been my interpreter in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Peru, and Venezuela.

Brazil is the largest nation geographically in South America occupying about half the continent and has more people than all the other South America nations combined. Although historically the nation has been dominated by the Roman Catholics, the spiritual landscape has changed and there is great growth among the evangelical churches. The fact that 80% of the people identify themselves as “Christian” due to their Catholic background and see no need for the Gospel is a barrier. The wide disparity between the “haves” and “have nots” is another one. As many as 70% of the 190 million people live in poverty. Millions actually live in slum areas known as *favelas*. There are eight million street children.

A higher level. It has been eleven years since our last trip to Belo Horizonte.. The host church has grown remarkably and continues to reach people for Christ. The pastor, **Renato Souza**, talked about the influence of the seminars over the years—and he termed it “significant,” but said, “our hearts are ready to move to a higher level. We need you to come back to Brazil to take us there.”

The Brazilian prayer seminars are scheduled for August 21-September 3. A new Portuguese workbook is being prepared. We are in the process of developing the budget to present to our partners. In the meantime, please pray that we will see even greater results in 2008 than the other times we have been in Brazil.

Intercessory prayer

During my college days, two pastors influenced my life. One was **C. Roy Angell** (1889-1971), pastor, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida. The other was **Charles L. Allen** (1913-2005), pastor, Grace United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia and later First United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. During Dr. Angell’s pastorate, Central grew from 687 members to 4,110 members. Grace became the largest United Methodist Church in Georgia and First United Methodist (12,000) the largest UM church in the world. As I look back on my spiritual development, insights related to prayer in their books were understandable, challenging and significant in my life. Both were among the greatest sermon illustrators the world has known. Both spoke to the heart.

In his book, **All Things Are Possible through Prayer**, Dr. Allen explained intercessory prayer. Picture some person in one room of a house and God in the next room. Between the two there is a wall. But if you stand in the doorway connecting the two rooms, then you can see the ones in each room. One could speak to the other through you. It may be that you have contact with some person who needs God’s help. Between that person and God there may be a wall. It may be a wall of unbelief, or unconcern, or wrong living. But because you have contact both with that person and with God, you become the contact between the two and your prayers connect that person’s need with God’s power. That is intercessory prayer.

The fundamental principle of intercession is to focus the power of God on another person or on a special situation. The greatest need in the world today is intercessory prayer. Put the Brazilian prayer seminars on your list. Pray.

Rwanda Report (May 29-June 11)

Martin Shikuku & Andrew Sakari, Kenya

Five months after the severe post-election violence in Kenya with a thousand killed and thousands dislocated, **Martin** and **Andrew** traveled hundreds of miles to provide prayer seminars in Rwanda, a nation that has had even a worse experience than Kenya—with over one million massacred. Leaving Eldoret by bus, the men traveled to Kampala, Uganda. From there, they went to Kigali, Rwanda where they split up in order to cover as many provinces as possible. Traveling was long and demanding.

Martin traveled to an area 125 miles from Kigali and conducted five prayer seminars with eight churches (with a combined membership of over 4,000) represented. There were 1,709 in attendance. Over two hundred came to Christ for salvation. Martin said: “I found the most receptive people with the true love of God I have ever come across in my lifetime. They took care of us very well in their homes—very kind and hospitable to their visitors. We must go back. They are thirsty and truly hungry for God. On the other hand, if we don’t reach them as quickly as possible, I saw the cultic movements with great attempts to erect their altars as well.” [Life expectancy: Males 38 /Females 40 years]

Andrew conducted evangelistic services in the evenings, as well as prayer seminars during the day. He reported 950 came to Christ in the crusades. He worked with three churches for the seminars. Rwanda is mountain country and they used motorcycles—travel was “tiresome,” but the response was wonderful.

JGHM provided funds for travel and for the Swahili workbook printing. They did not have nearly enough workbooks, and found a language problem as well. Many of the people do not speak Swahili, but their language is Kinyarwanda. Some speak French. Martin has already arranged for the workbook translation into Kinyarwanda to begin with plans to return as soon as possible. Both Martin and Andrew feel it is imperative that I come with them for the next ministry in Rwanda. Hopefully, this will be possible. Pray with me for God’s will.

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1156. Bitterness can make a person’s life as ineffective as water makes a match and becomes a roadblock to effective praying.

Note 1157. God has a solution planned before we even know that we have a problem.

Note 1158. The only way to learn to pray is to pray.

Note 1159. God invites us to burden Him with what burdens us.

Note 1160. Prayer will loose many a knot that your fingers cannot.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

May 21--June 20, 2008

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Total	50	\$3,410.00



I think of **Martin Shikuku** and **Andrew Sakari** in **Kenya**, **James Dean** in **Pakistan**, **Leslie Motsalane** in **South Africa**, **Stephen Latong** in **Nigeria**, **Adam Nathanson** in **Venezuela** and others around the world—all with something to give to the Lord Jesus Christ that I do not have—their youth! Although there is likely to come a time when I cannot go to the other countries, I have a strong desire to strengthen nationals in each of the countries that will carry on the work. Thank you, **DOORKEEPERS**, for making this possible.

Better by far

"I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body" (**Philippians 1:23-24**).

A part of my summer reading is a book entitled **Prayers & Promises when facing a life-threatening illness** (Zondervan, 2007) written by **Dr. Ed Dobson**, my friend and long-time professional colleague during our years at Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University). To me he is still "Dean Dobson." He was Dean of Students and I was the Academic Dean. He has ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), which has progressively worsened. I have cherished every paragraph, every sentence, and every word expressed by this man of God who shares his heart.

Dean Dobson, in dealing with what he calls "the most compelling question, what is heaven like" shared his father's favorite description of heaven found in three words in **Philippians 1:23-24**, "better by far." What is heaven like? It is better by far than the best of what earth has to offer. When his mother died, his father, Calvin, had them inscribed on her gravestone: "**Eileen McKnight Dobson**—better by far."

It was my privilege to conduct a prayer seminar at North Argyle Community Church, North Argyle, New York on November 24, 1982 and remember the wonderful hospitality of Pastor **Calvin & Eileen Dobson** whose memories are much alive in my mind as I read Eddie Dobson's book. Pray for the Dobsons.

God's gifts

I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other, and that the taller we grow in Christian character the easier we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other. It is not a question of growing taller, but of stooping down, to get His best gifts.

F. B. Meyer

Praying for America

Doorkeeper Silas Yashim, Nigeria

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Henry,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we pray, we also believe that you are all doing well in the ministries. Your ministries involve producing seminar materials, traveling from one country to another, sharing the gospel, teaching the body of Christ, counseling, and doing other things that require a lot of prayers from those of us who are the **DOORKEEPERS**. God has been faithful to hear and answer.

We here in Africa have been very keen in America's politics too. Being the world leader every country looks to your country for good leadership. However, a few of us are not comfortable with the fast growth of Islam and its great influence in America's politics, especially among Democrats where Islam seems to be having influence. I hope Obama has no political link with Islamic politics.

"*In God We Trust*" shows America's belief and faith commitment in the Lord. I pray that America does not shift from this or her first love for God. Islam uses money to propagate her devilish religion and buy America's influence using the insider to her favor by her billion dollars oil money.

The Israelites soon forgot their sufferings in Egypt and started opposing Moses in the wilderness. Today, America soon forgot September 11 and starting opposing President Bush, instead of praying for him asking for God's intervention. I still believe that America's presence in Afghanistan and Iraq has made a difference. It has opened ways for gospel of Jesus Christ to penetrate into these Islamic countries, which was not easy before. Several missionaries are found in Afghanistan today unlike before. Though America's presence in these countries is painful and costly, it is making a difference. Of course, nothing good comes easy. The gospel is costly. The gospel is a sacrifice, thus Jesus' sacrifice was the greatest.

Praying for you.

Silas and Alice Yashim

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RETURN TO BRAZIL
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I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE



UNITED STATES FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all (Francis Bellamy, August 1892).

CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior, for whose kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe. (Charles C. Overton, September 26, 1897)



THE BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's holy word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.



THE LAMB OF GOD

I pledge allegiance to the Lamb. With all my strength, with all I am, I will seek to honor His commands, I pledge allegiance to the Lamb. (Roy Boltz, 1994)

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER:
"The wicked shall be turned into
hell, and all the nations that forget
God." Psalm 9:17