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**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS THAT I HAVE FOR YOU", SAYS THE LORD.
"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD AND NOT FOR EVIL,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."
JEREMIAH 29:11 TLB**

CORRECTION

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"Holding Forth the Word of Life"

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PERSISTENCE: "And it happened after ten days ..."

"And it happened after ten days that the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah" (Jeremiah 42:7). "Jesus spoke a parable . . . that men ought always to pray and not faint" (Luke 18:1). This is PERSISTENCE!

If one thing is clear in the Bible, God wants His children to pray. Prayer is not new. Early in the recorded history of man, it is noted, "then men began to call upon the Name of the Lord" (Genesis 4:26b). Jesus explained to the woman at the well in Sychar that God is seeking those who worship Him in "spirit and in truth" (John 4:23). Prayer is a time for us to worship. He invites us to draw near. When we take the initiative to obey this injunction, He then promises to draw near to us (James 4:8). But prayer is more than worship, it is a time to ask Him to do things in our lives. Not only has He "commanded" that we draw near to Him, He has commanded us to "call upon" Him (Jeremiah 33:3). The language used in James 4:8 is a command; the language used in Jeremiah 33:3 is also a command. God's promise in James 4:8 is that He will draw near us; the promise in Jeremiah 33:3 is that He will "show us great and mighty things that we know not."

While teaching in Peru a few years ago, the Holy Spirit brought into my mind a cluster of words to use to teach that God wants us to pray. "God is able!" "God is willing!" "God is waiting!" He is waiting for His children to call on Him. If you are a Christian, the question is "Do

Thirty-one Years!
"GIVE ACCOUNT OF YOUR
STEWARDSHIP"
LUKE 16:2

EBENEZER

"Thus far the Lord has helped us"
I Samuel 7:10-12.

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, its 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 measurer" 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 fleeting, 'Til I reach the promised land. Amen.

Note: Dr. Henry chose this hymn written by Lina Sandell for his Inagural service as the 2nd president at Northeastern Bible College (NJ) in 1980. His daughter, Mona, was soloist for the occasion.

you believe this? Do you believe that God expects you to call on Him." Sometimes we declare with our lips that we do believe this and turn around and prove that we really don't believe this because we don't pray! The song writer pinpointed this need when he said, "Before you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?" Not only are we to pray, we are to be persistent in our praying.

A young man approached Sue and me during a break in a prayer seminar in Bombay, India, asking if a Christian is showing a lack of faith, and thereby sinning, if he repeats a request to God when praying. My response was to tell him to give careful attention to my teaching from **Luke 11:5-8**, a passage that teaches bold praying, specific praying, and persistent praying. In fact, the reason that the man got up from his bed at midnight to provide three loaves of bread was because of the persistence of the one knocking on the door. Both **John 14:13** and **Matthew 7:7** have the same Greek tense properly translated to "ask and keep on asking."

When the remnant remaining in Judah after others had been carried away into captivity in Babylon asked Jeremiah to pray for them that God might show them the way they should walk and the thing they should do related to going down to Egypt (**Jeremiah 42:2**), Jeremiah agreed to do so. After clarifying clearly that he would report whatever the LORD answered (**vv 4-6**), Jeremiah prayed. It is interesting to note that the answer came "after ten days" of praying. Simply, it is important for us to remember as we pray that God's timing is often not ours. Until

He answers or lifts the burden, we keep on asking.

Jesus Himself taught that "men ought always to pray and not faint" (**Luke 18:1**). Sadly, many of us don't even think to pray until we do faint. When we receive no answer after praying for a brief time, we often cease praying. When we persist in this behavior, it is not very long until a pattern of praying becomes fixed that always leads to failure and discouragement. A "stronghold" of prayerlessness engulfs us and we become prayerless. Remember, prayerlessness is a sin (**1 Samuel 12:23**). Prayerlessness does not mean that we are not praying. Rather, prayerlessness means that we are not praying like we should be praying. We should be praying about everything and persist until the answer comes or God lifts the burden that evoked praying. It is **always too early to quit when there is a prayer need and burden!** It is important for believers to understand the place of persistence in prayer because that is what is taught in the Scriptures.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

**Welcome! New
Doorkeepers!**

**Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
Benjamin & Gwendolyn Jones (MD)
Larry & Donna Thompson (VA)**

**IN GOD WE TRUST!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:1,8b

Since we began the **Doorkeeper Program** in 1980, we have reported the Home-going of many, many **Doorkeepers**. With this issue, we add two more to the list. Both men were dear friends and my heart grieves their passing while, at the same time, rejoices that they are safe among that great cloud of witnesses around the Throne of the Father and their Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, in Heaven.



Dr. William Stroman, Sr.
Sunrise, March 2, 1928
Sunset, March 17, 2015

Dr. Stroman hosted prayer seminars at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Washington DC, accompanied us on a pilgrimage to Israel, and conducted an evangelistic service for our work in Welkom, Free State, South Africa. His winsomeness and his spirituality were traits that caused the multitudes to turn to him. For thirty-four years, he faithfully ministered at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, a stone's throw from our nation's capital. His influence will live on!

**"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT
OF THE LORD IS
THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS"
PSALM 116:15**



William Donald Warpoole
Sunrise, December 7, 1934
Sunset, April 8, 2015

Seldom does anyone have a friend like Donald. He and his wife, Joyce, have opened their homes in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and on Tims Ford Lake, Winchester, Tennessee to Sue and me since we relocated to Lynchburg, Virginia in April 2002. They have traveled many miles with Sue and me to Israel, Greece, England, Germany, France, and Alaska. Joyce has served faithfully on the JGHM Board of Directors and is currently Secretary-Treasurer. As we weep at Donald's passing, the Holy Spirit has impressed upon me that through Donald I am a better person and minister. That's how much he impacted my life.

The Parson Says

On Mother's Day, the tradition where I grew up in east Tennessee was to wear a red rose to honor a mother still living or a white rose in memory of a deceased mother.



My mom was a reader. Watching her read made me want to read. We lived in East Tennessee, near Knoxville, the home of the **Knoxville Journal**. She subscribed by mail and I devoured each daily issue. Two features grabbed my attention. On the editorial page, there was always a Scripture verse chosen by a reader whose name and location were provided. After I became a Christian, I submitted Scriptures. The other feature was entitled "The Parson Says." A bearded man with a black hat was the facsimile of a "parson." A short, wise, pithy saying accompanied him in his box. I began to cut these out and keep them. When we started the **Reflector**, I included this feature, which later became **NOTES FROM MY BIBLE**.

At some point, my filing system was to use a standard envelope. During the past few months, I have been an activity that librarians term "weeding." I recently came to a box that housed these files. One labeled "**PARSON SAYS**" was an envelope with the letter head: **Kerby Knob Baptist Church, Kerby Knob, Kentucky 40441**. For seven years, beginning in 1961, Sue, Mona, Mark, Melody and I worked with this wonderful congregation. Of all the envelopes in the box, this one was stuffed full of clippings. I have

selected a few samples:

"Opportunity is often disguised as hard work."

"Love does to hate what light does to darkness—Simple makes it disappear."

"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; but it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape evil, but makes you ill prepared to cope with it."

"Let's not pray for lighter burdens, but for broader shoulders."

"It doesn't require a trained nurse to nurse a grudge."

"When men speak ill of you, live so that nobody will believe them."

"Be patient with the faults of others; they have to be patient with yours."

"One cannot be right with God and wrong with his fellow men."

"This would be a better world if every man were as good as he wants his neighbor to be."

"We make progress by what we do, not by what we leave undone."

Pulling these ten sayings out made no dent in the "**PARSON SAYS**" envelope. Hopefully, I will be disciplined enough to go through the sayings and retrieve many for future use.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Mom's Tennessee Kitchen
Ira Mae Covington Henry (Mrs. Lee)

12/19/1899-6/9/1970

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

BRAZIL May 8-23, 2015

Population: 202,033,670

Capital: Brasilia

Language: Portuguese

Literacy: 88.6%

Life expectancy: 72.2 years

Population under 15 years old: 26%

Income Per Capita: \$2,020

Brazil is the world's fifth largest country in both size and population. It occupies one-half of the land surface and one-half of the population of South America. Brazil has long been known as the largest Catholic country in the world, but it also now has the third largest evangelical community (after the United States and China). There has been astonishing growth among evangelicals during the past three decades.

Our work will be in **Belo Horizonte**, the third largest city (5.9M). Pray what the Holy Spirit lays on your heart. Pray for the physical stamina needed to teach. Pray for spiritual anointing of the Word that will be shared. Pray especially for the countless thousands of children abandoned on Brazil's city streets and those living in favelas. Thank you for the prayer and financial support that you provide as we go to other nations.

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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 2271. "If anything is worth having, it is worth working for and where there is a will, there is a

way!" **Ira Mae Covington Henry**

Note 2272. "Who ran to help me when I fell, and would some pretty story tell, or kiss the place to make it well? My Mother." **Ann Taylor**

Note 2273. Mothers hold their child's hand for a moment and their heart for a lifetime.

Note 2274. "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed and clung to me all my life." **Abraham Lincoln**

Note 2275. May 10, 2015 is Mother's Day when **I remember, honor and celebrate my Mom** in a special way.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Feb 24-March 16, 2015

Regular	53	\$4,695.00
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March 17--April 17, 2015

Regular	45	\$3,520.00
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Brazil	51	\$5,125.00
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Kenya	1	\$100.00
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THANK YOU, DOORKEEPERS!

PRAYER CALENDAR**MAY 2015**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, MAY 1*Ezra 1-3 (Comoros 752,288)*

Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

SATURDAY, MAY 2*Ezra 4-6 (Congo D.R. 75.5M)*

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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)
 Robert/Hilda Bondurant (SC)

MONDAY, MAY 4*Ezra 7-8 (Congo Republic 4.5M)*

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

TUESDAY, MAY 5*Ezra 9-10 (Cook Isl 10,447)*

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Janet Buck (NJ)

TUESDAY, MAY 6*Nehemiah 1-2 (Costa Rica 4.7M)*

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 M/M Vernon Bundt (IA)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 7*Nehemiah 3-4 (Ivory Coast 22.4M)*

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)
 Dan Cravey (VA)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)

FRIDAY, MAY 8*Nehemiah 5-7 (Croatia 4.5M)*

Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)

SATURDAY, MAY 9*Nehemiah 8-10 (Cuba 11.1M)*

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 James Fugate (CA)
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Sara George (GA)

MONDAY, MAY 11*Neh 11-13 (Curacao 146,836)*

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)

TUESDAY, MAY 12*Esther 1-2 (Cyprus 1.1M)*

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13*Esther 3-4 (Czech Rep 10.2M)*

Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

THURSDAY, MAY 14*Esther 5-7 (Burkina Faso 17.8M)*

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Betty Jackson (OH)
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

FRIDAY, MAY 15*Esther 8-10 (Denmark 5.6M)*

Millicent John (NY)
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Benjamin & Gwen Jones (MD)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)

SATURDAY, MAY 16*Job 1-2 (Djibouti 792,198)*

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY) Daren Hisel, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Steven/Dawn Lambert (NC)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

MONDAY, MAY 18

Job 3-4 (Dominica 73,286)

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)
Ed Lucas (VT)
Rachel Mann (NC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
Wilma Marcum (KY)

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Job 5-7 (Dominican Rep 10.2M)

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHane (VA)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Job 8-10 (Ecuador 15.4M)

Betsy Miedema (MI)
Gwen Miller (VA)
Marvel Mills (VA)
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Job 11-14 (Egypt 85.3M)

Elaine Moser (MN)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)

Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
Mildred Pittman (NC)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Job 15-17 (El Salvador 6.1M)

Ben Poplin (VA)
Ayers Porter (TN)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
John Reed (NH)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Alice Riddick (NC)
Joyce Riley (KY)
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Job 18-19 (Eq Guinea 704,001)

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
(VA) Gene Jones, Pastor
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Walter & Pearl Shields (VA)
Richard Shorter (NJ)
Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 25

Job 20-21 (Chad 11.2M)

Mary Skiles (KS)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Job 22-24 (Eritrea 6.2M)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Job 25-28 (Estonia 1.3M)

Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Rose Tengstrand (VA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Larry & Donna Thompson (VA)
Montez Thompson (WI)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Job 29-31 (Ethiopia 93.9M)

Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Job 32-34 (European Union 503.6M)

Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernachik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Keith/Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)
Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Job 35-39 (Falkland Is 3,140)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Gale & Nancy Wetzell (KY)
Kay Wice (GA)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Job 40-42 (Faroe Is 49,709)

Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Jeff Williamson (FL)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebnaqrger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
David & Lili Wykle (VA)
Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

**I'M NEARER
HOME
THAN I WAS
YESTERDAY!**

DAILY INTERCESSION

FOR GOOD HEALTH

Burma Abbott [Zane] (VA)
 Milcie Arnold (Carroll) (VA)
 Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Margarie Coffee (VA)
 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Sam Hough [Linda]
 Betsy Johnson [Rick] (TN)
 Lowry Miller [Marjorie] (VA)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Pearl Shields [Walter] (VA)
 Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

INTERNATIONAL [REPRESENTATIVE]

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
 Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)
 Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
 Jonathan/Holly Leslie (S. Sudan)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Paula Tipton (Thailand)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
 Roberto Waismam (Brazil)
 Silas Yashim (Nigeria)

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

You do not have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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 434-239-8836 (STH).

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suethenry@aol.com.

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 Lynchburg VA 24502.

The Domestic Ministry

Of the 1,627 prayer seminars, 869 have been in the United States (forty-six states and the District of Columbia). Some have been in large churches with hundreds in attendance; others have been in smaller churches or settings. The smallest that I remember was a seminar in a public meeting room in the Estill (KY) County Courthouse with five in attendance. Frequent questions over the years have been how many do you have to have in attendance and how much money will it cost. The answer is that no number is required and no amount of money is expected. In fact, from day one, we have operated as a faith ministry trusting God to provide the financial needs through love offerings. Most of the support has come from **Doorkeepers**, those men and women (and churches) whose hearts the Lord has stirred to stand with us to provide both prayer and financial support. Therefore, it is not necessary for us to charge a set fee. Consequently, we have repeatedly said that every church, regardless of size, can have a prayer seminar. When the Lord places a desire on your heart to host a seminar, do not hesitate to make contact with **JGHM**.

We have thousands upon thousands of testimonies from pastors and individuals as to what God has done in their lives through the prayer seminar ministry. The following three were shared in the **Reflector** (VOL. XXXV, No. 3, June 1989):

**TRY JESUS:
 MAN OF GALILEE!**

January 30, 1989. Thanks for the encouragement. God really used you in my life and the lives of many of our people. Already there is an increase in the number of people who are giving themselves to prayer. Last week we had 67 people gather in six small groups for prayer and sharing. The earliest any group broke up was 9 p.m. and some prayed until 10 p.m. As people shared their prayer experiences and burdens, I realized for the first time the spiritual depth some of our people have and God really encouraged me . . . the Holy Spirit is beginning to move in many lives and there are signs that revival may well be on the way.

Jimmy Wilson, Pastor
Orchard Baptist Church
Mobile, Alabama

April 18, 1989. Thank you, thank you, thank you for the Prayer Seminar. Can people sit for over six hours to be instructed in the work of Prayer? They can! Time speeds, interest grows, and conviction comes by the Holy Spirit. Growth and change comes of the Holy Spirit's work as your prayer seminar proceeds. I have heard only positive and grateful expressions of appreciation for the changes God has produced. I can say without hesitation that I learned more about prayer in the seminar than I learned in seminary and in over thirty years of pastoral ministry . . . Your humble help was felt by so many people here. I will pray for you as long as I live, and for your ministry.

Dr. Harris J. Verkaik, Pastor
Calvary Reformed Church
South Holland, Illinois

May 9, 1989. The spiritual impact of our recent Prayer Seminar will surely be felt for many weeks to come. Our people are still talking about it and have asked us to schedule another seminar in the near future. The workbook is an excellent learning aid and the study of prayer was one of the most exhaustive studies I

have ever had the privilege to encounter. Our people really appreciated the day. I believe the greatest element of the seminar was your Spirit-filled leadership. God certainly has His hand of blessing upon your life and has equipped you for a unique and much-needed ministry. I am happy to recommend you to any church that is serious about the importance of prayer. Thank you for sharing the day with the First Baptist Church family. It was truly a wonderful day!

John W. Fleming, Associate Pastor
First Baptist Church of Perrine
Miami, Florida

Dr. Harris Verkaik and his precious wife, **Jane**, have been faithful **Doorkeepers** for many years. Although he has been long retired, I often think of him as Mr. Barnabas or Mr. Encourager. **John Fleming** shared that God called him to full-time ministry during his days under our ministry at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky. He served many years as the director of missions for the a Baptist association in Florida. We know of three other ministers that came out of the Liberty Avenue days and are in contact with two of these regularly. God is good.

Continue to pray with us that one day we will be able to conduct seminars in the four remaining states: Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Utah. My dream is to have a prayer seminar in each of the fifty states!

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 25

**A TIME TO REMEMBER
THOSE GONE ON BEFORE US-
-FAMILY, FRIENDS, MILITARY,
DOORKEEPERS!**

The International Ministry

Of the 1,627 prayer seminars, 758 have been in other nations. The international ministry actually began as an evangelistic crusade in First Baptist Church, Placetas, Santa Clara Province, Cuba January 13-20, 1960. Seventy came to Christ. Fifty years later, September 25-26, 2010, **Adam Nathanson** and I returned to Placetas. Nine of the seventy converts were present. The international prayer seminar ministry was launched in November 1985 with prayer seminars in Secunderabad, India. **Dr. Sam Simpson**, pastor Bronx and Wake Eden Baptist churches in New York City, joined Sue and me. Sam served as the evangelist for an evangelistic crusade sponsored by **JGHM** and **ASIA FOR CHRIST**, **Dr. B. A. Prabhakar**, director. Thousands attended seminars in Nigeria, South Korea, and Indonesia-Malaysia, and Colombia. However, **JGHM** has chosen to schedule seminars throughout regions where we were visiting majoring on local churches joining together in their areas. This has been our approach in fifty-seven nations. Through the **Doorkeepers**, all expenses have been paid and workbooks have been provided for each participant in their own language.

For many years, we included time in each international seminar for the participants to tell us what God had taught them and what their next step would be to put into practice what they had learned. In our monthly publication, we shared these thrilling testimonies. We have often provided a supply of workbooks to those who

went forth to teach others. The fruit of our labor has inspired our **Doorkeepers** time after time. An integral part has been the spiritual preparation to be ready to teach. Many times, I have simply written my thoughts and filed them in the binders with my daily **SPIRITUAL JOURNAL** Bible study notes.

Thoughts on the way to Venezuela (April 1, 2007)

"Proclaim the goodness of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples" (1 **Chronicle 16:23b-24**). During these days in Venezuela, there is a **CLEAR MISSION: building the KINGDOM by MOBILIZING and EQUIPPING prayer warriors.**

Help each participant understand (1) how to come to Christ for salvation and (2) how to get on praying ground. **TEACH** carefully so that my students can teach others what they learn during the prayer seminars. (3) Review Biblical teachings and then present them in a usable fashion following proven teaching techniques. Keep putting the "cookies" on a low enough shelf that everyone present can reach them. From time to time, put some on a shelf that requires some effort on the part of the learners to reach them. **RELY** on the Holy Spirit to break down barriers to open up learning.

Here are some key ideas to present clearly and concisely in each seminar.

- ✓ Prayer is not new (**Genesis 4:2b**).
- ✓ A believer is to order his life around prayer praying about everything!
- ✓ Prayer is both **WORSHIP** (Seeking His Face) and **WORK** (Seeking His Hand)!
- ✓ Prayer's two directions: Toward Self **PETITION** is asking for self as did **JABEZ** (1 **Chronicles 4:9-10**); Toward Others **INTERCESSION** is praying for others. God wants us to pray!

BE SURE YOUR MOTIVE IS FOR GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY FROM HIS ANSWER!

Jehovah-Jireh, The God who will see to it!

God reveals Himself in His names. The basis of worship is to praise God for who He is. Only in the Bible is the revelation that enables us to know who He is. A common translation of Jehovah-Jireh, one of the seven compound Hebrew names for God, is "the Lord who provides" based on the incident of Abraham's sacrifice of his son, Isaac, on Mount Moriah long ago. There was wood and there was fire for the sacrifice, but no lamb. God was then revealed as "the Lord who provides." God would provide the lamb, a foreshadowing of Jesus, the "Lamb of God" who will take away the sins of the world. I heard Dr. Warren Wiersbe give his exegesis of this Scripture saying that it means "the God who will see to it!"

Not only is it helpful to learn God's names, it is vital that we implement their meaning in our daily living. Thirty-one years ago, May 29, 1984, JGHM was founded. A bank account was established from a gift from a couple in New Jersey who accompanied us on a holy land tour. Malcom Troutman, Sue's brother, graciously provided funds for the first printing of the prayer seminar workbooks. We determined to operate as a faith ministry, depending on the Lord to stir hearts of His children to stand with us. He has been faithful because He is Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord who provides, the Lord who will see to it!

The first time the Doorkeepers and I began to "pray in a car" was for **Onesimus Sule** for the prayer seminar ministry in



MARTIN'S NEW VAN

Nigeria. Later, we "prayed in a car" for **Leslie Motsalane** and the prayer seminar ministry in South Africa. A few years ago, it became apparent **Martin Shikuku** desperately needed a car for the work in Kenya. God answered each time as we waited upon Him to provide. For the past few months, we have been praying for a replacement of the van in Kenya. A text message came from Martin Shikuku that the van was in his possession. The dealer had agreed that the remaining \$10,000 should be paid as soon as possible.

We have had no colleague that has poured himself into the prayer seminar ministry work more than Martin has done. He is a busy pastor in Eldoret in west Kenya for a growing congregation. He is a leader in the Baptist Convention of Kenya and the local ministers' association. He has recently returned from a series of prayer seminars in Mombasa, the resort city on the Indian Ocean where many Christians have been martyred. He traveled by bus since he had no van! When you sit before the Father in prayer, please join us in asking God to provide the funds to clear the van. He is the God who is able to see to it! Praise His holy name.

64th Annual National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7, 2015

Theme: Lord, Hear Our Cry
"Hear the cry and the prayer Your servant is praying
in Your presence this day" (1 Kings 8:28)