

# REFLECTOR

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## An Open Letter

**"How can I praise my Lord enough, He's done so much for me."** No day goes by when I am not consciously aware of how God has blessed my life, more intense now than ever. Through His grace, He placed a longing in my heart for Jesus even before I knew the Gospel story in its fullness. Once I understood about the great love of the Father that was demonstrated by His giving His only Son to pay for my sins, I gladly trusted that Son as my Savior and Lord. That was almost sixty-six years ago. **He gave me salvation.**

God has given me **a family** (parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, a wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren). He has given me a host of **friends around the world.** He gave me a **ministry.** Since 1980, He has called forth **Doorkeepers** to provide the prayer and financial support needed to make the ministry possible, who continue faithful to this day.

Many of our partners are already in Heaven. On the **day of final reckoning** in heaven, each partner will surely have a share in the fruit of our ministry around the world where thousands upon thousands have been touched. I look forward to meeting with our **Doorkeepers** in Heaven to thank them for making the prayer seminar ministry a reality year after year (now thirty-four years). We will praise the "Lamb" and rejoice when we see the fruit of our labor.

**One phenomenon that remains a "wonder" to me is the strength and stamina that God gave from 1984 through 2011.**

When I accepted the position of Executive Director for Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), it was with the understanding that my "main" ministry would be prayer seminars; the TRACS leadership supported this arrangement 100%. After retiring from TRACS in 1995, other than serving as an educational consultant until 2002 for a few colleges, I have devoted my life to the seminars. The "wonder" is the yearly averages from 1984 through 2011: fifty-two seminars a year (sixteen states and four countries a year. Average number of miles

traveled 74,398 and days on the road 125). God's enablement is the only explanation.

One of the most touching statements in Moses' review of Israel's history is recorded in **Deuteronomy 2:7 NIV**: "The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. **He has watched over your journey** through the vast desert. These forty years the Lord has been with you and you have lacked nothing." In the New Testament, Paul wrote Timothy: "If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself" (**2 Timothy 2:13 NIV**).

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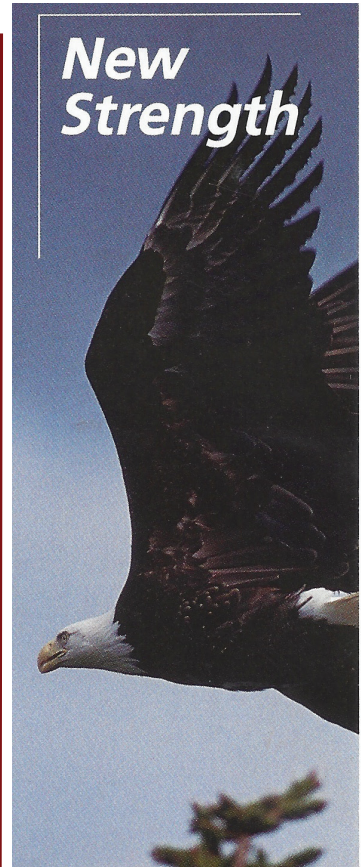
## Food/Strength for the journey = Strength for the day!

"Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning, For in you do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You." (Psalm 143:8)

In my morning devotional time, the written Word of God has a prominent role. In fact after a brief time of reflecting on the meaning of this activity, I begin my time with the Word of God reading systematically through the Bible year by year. Long ago, I came to the realization that it is more important for me to hear God's thoughts than for Him to hear mine. During this time I continue to follow **the "P-Q-R-S-T" approach**, which I learned as a college student and recommended to my students during the very first session with them beginning a new academic year or semester.

**"P" is preview**, a time to get my brain in gear. Before serious reading, I look over what I am about to read. I look at the paragraph headings and scan paragraphs allowing any word to jump out, and this often happens. **"Q" is question**. Based on what is highlighted in my mind, I ask questions that likely will be answered as I read. **"R" is read**. By using **"P"** and **"Q,"** the reading is much more meaningful and my mind is focused. **"S" is state**. As I read, I use frequent pauses to look away from the printed page and state to myself what I have just read. **"T" is test**. Throughout the day, even the busiest days, I call up things I learned during the morning "Quiet Time," that touch my heart.

Since my Bible reading on the day that I am writing this text includes **Psalm 143**, I will illustrate my approach. Remember that the first task, especially in the early morning, is to get my brain in gear by **"P"** and **"Q,"** preview and question. The paragraph heading in my study Bible is "Prayer for guidance." This is one of the 150 psalms and the heading is for



**"Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the eternal God, Creator of the earth. He never gets weary or tired; His wisdom cannot be measured.**

**The Lord gives strength to those who are weary. Even young people get tired, then stumble and fall. But all who trust [wait upon] the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run, without getting tired." Isaiah 43:28-31 (Contemporary English Version).**

the entire psalm. Scanning the text brings out key words or phrases that are activated in my mind. Here are some words: prayer, supplications, spirit overwhelmed, remember, meditate, muse, spread out my hands, and such. A question is raised, "what is the 'prayer for guidance'?" "**R**" will bring forth answers! The answer is v 8 (which I chose for my Verse for the Year 2014): "Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You."

In PSALM 143, there are many thoughts that require "**S**." For example, in V 5, three words encapsulate what David did "remember ... meditate ... muse." He meditated on God's past works. He recalled what God had done. He reaffirmed his trust in the Lord by so doing. V 10 places everything in a very usable way: "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness." "**T**" will have plenty of food for thought. "Show me the way I should go." "Teach me to do Your will." Each day and each hour attention will be concentrated on doing God's will for the day.

By the way, I wrote a new title for Psalm 143 in my Study Bible, "**Where could I go but to the Lord?**" David's example will certify that there is no better place to be! Add the last words in our key verse in your list of definitions of prayer: "Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul." This is one of my favorite definitions.

Since I am entering my 80<sup>th</sup> year with this issue of the **Reflector**, I have decided to spend more time in my Quiet Hour with Bible in hand

than any other year of my life, the Lord being my helper. Join me in the journey looking to the Word of God for the strength we need. Remember, "the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (**Daniel 11:32**). How do we "know" God? God reveals Himself in the written Word, the Scriptures. In times like these, we need the Bible more than ever!

*J. Gordon Henry*

**Be our strength  
in hours of weakness,  
In our travels, be our Guide;  
Through attempts, failures,  
danger,  
Father, be at our side.**

**Maria Willis**

### **Encouragement and Protection**

**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 Counselor and Pow'r.**

**The protection of His child  
and treasure is a charge that  
on Himself He laid;**

**"As thy days, thy strength  
shall be in measure,"**

**This the pledge He to me  
made.**

This wonderful reminder was shared with me as 79<sup>th</sup> birthday greetings by Mary Troutman (Mrs. Marshall), my sister-in-law. Mary has been an encourager for the fifty-seven years that I have been in the Troutman family. She and Marshall reside in Owensboro, Kentucky.

## John Wesley, Exemplar



John Wesley has long been a hero, actually an exemplar, in my personal and professional life. Sue and I have had the privilege to visit his home in London, England a number of times, the "New Room" in Bristol, an important place in his life where one can see the imprint of either his knees or elbows on the hardwood floor, and Epworth, his birthplace. In reviewing the books in my library in light of giving them to Northeastern Baptist College, Bennington, Vermont, I picked up the Wesley's Journals (four volumes) and knew that I am not ready to part from them. Reading about his daily life in his itinerant ministry, I have learned much that has helped me in my own itinerant ministry.

**Today is my seventy-ninth birthday.** If Wesley was writing this he would say, "Today I enter my eightieth year." He was born June 28, 1703 and died on March 2, 1791. On **Friday, June 28, 1782**, he wrote in his Journal: "I entered into my **eightieth year** [what we would call his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday]; but, blessed

be God, my time is not 'labor and sorrow.'" I find no more pain or bodily infirmities than at five-and-twenty. This I still impute, 1. To the power of God, fitting me for what He calls me to. 2. To my still travelling four or five thousand miles a year. 3. To my sleeping, night or day, whenever I want it. 4. To my rising at a set hour. And, 5. To my constant preaching, particularly in the morning."

Actually, Wesley had provided a little more detail when he wrote on **Tuesday, June 28, 1774** [what we would term his 71st birthday]: "This being my birth-day, **the first day of my seventy-second year**, I was considering, How is this, that I find just the same strength as I did thirty years ago? That my sight is considerable better now, and my nerves firmer, than they were then? That I have none of the infirmities of old age, and have lost several I had in my youth? The grand cause is, the good pleasure of God, who doeth whatsoever pleaseth Him. The chief means are, 1. My constantly rising at four, for about fifty years. 2. My generally preaching at five in the morning; one of the most healthy exercises in the world. 3. My never traveling less, by sea or land, than four thousand five hundred miles in a year."

There was some change in tone expressed on **Saturday, June 28, 1788**, which is significant in understanding the working of the Lord: "**I this day enter on my eighty-fifth year.** And what cause have I to praise God, as for a thousand spiritual blessings, so for bodily blessings also! How little have I suffered yet by 'the rush of numerous years!' It is true, I am



not as agile as was in times past. I do not run or walk as fast as I did; my sight is a little decayed; my left eye is grown dim, and hardly serves me to read; I have some daily pain in the ball of my right eye, as also in my right temple (occasioned by a blow receive some months since), and in my right shoulder and arm, which I impute partly to a sprain, and partly to rheumatism. I find likewise some decay in my memory, with regard things lately passed; but not at all with regard to what I have read or heard, twenty, forty, or sixty years ago; neither do I find any decay in my hearing, smell, taste, or appetite (tho' I want but a third part of the food I did once;) nor do I feel any such thing as weariness, either in travelling or preaching: And I am not conscious of any decay in writing sermons; which I do as readily, and I believe as correctly as ever." Wesley again recites reasons for his stamina. He concludes this long entry on his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday: "Even now, though I find pain daily in my eye, or temple, or arm; yet it is never violent, and seldom lasts many minutes at a time. Whether or not this is sent to give me warning that I am shortly to quit this tabernacle, I do not know; but be it one way or the other, I have only to say,

My remnant of days  
I spend to His praise  
Who died the whole world to redeem:  
Be they many or few,  
My days are His due,  
And they all are devoted to Him!

I preached in the morning on Psalm xc.12; in the evening on Acts xiii.40, 41; and endeavored to improve the hours between to the best advantage."

On **Sunday, June 28, 1789**, Wesley wrote: "In the conclusion of the morning service we had a remarkable blessing; and the same in the evening, moving the whole congregation as the heart of one man. **This day I enter on my eighty-sixth year.** I now find I grow old: 1. My sight is decayed; so that I cannot read a small print, unless in a strong light. 2. My strength is decayed; so that I walk much slower than I did some years since: 3. My memory of names, whether of persons or places, is decayed; till I stop a little to recollect them. What I should be afraid of, is, if I took thought for the morrow, that my body would weigh down my mind; and create other stubbornness, by the decrease of my understanding; or peevishness, by the increase of bodily infirmities: But Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God."

His last birthday entry came on **Monday, June 28, 1790: "This day I enter into my eighty-eighth year** [birthday, 87<sup>th</sup>]. For above eighty-six years, I found none of the infirmities of old age; my eyes did not wax dim, neither was my natural strength abated: But last August 1 [1789], I found almost a sudden change. My eyes were so dim, that no glasses would help me. My strength likewise now quite forsook me; and probably will not return in this world. But I feel no pain from head to foot; only it seems nature is exhausted; and, humanly speaking, will sink more and more, till  
The weary springs of life stand still at last."

For Wesley, the "springs of life" on this earth stood still on March 2, 1791 in the "eighty-eighth year" of his earthly life.

## Thanks be to God

Thankfulness is a Christian grace. Psalm 96 and Psalm 103 are among the loftiest expression of praise and thankfulness found in the Scriptures. Psalm 96 is a hymn of pure praise, acknowledging Jehovah as the true God, calling upon all nations to adore Him, and urging Israel so to serve the Lord that the heathen will come to worship Him. "Sing ... Proclaim ... Declare ... For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised ... Give to the Lord the glory due His name ... Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (vv 2, 3, 8, 9). Psalm 103 is an outburst of pure thanksgiving in recognition of God's countless mercies and especially because of His forgiving love. Could anything be more beautiful, more sublime, or more instructive than these verses? Reading, studying, and meditating upon this psalm will provide spiritual instruction of utmost importance and, even better, will lift one's soul up in grateful praise.

Try thanksgiving! "In everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). As you gather on Thanksgiving Day 2014, have someone ready to read Psalm 96 and another to read Psalm 103. During your prayer time, go around the table and let everyone state one blessing from God for which he/she is thankful.

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## NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 2241.** "THE GOD OF MERCY" gave His only Son to pay for our sins with His own blood on the Cross."

**Note 2242.** The supreme aspect of God's goodness is His forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus.

**Note 2243.** His mercy toward sinners is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

**Note 2244.** His mercy is incomparable and immeasurable and never exhausted. Jesus paid it all!

**Note 2245.** His forgiveness takes our sins away from us as far as the east is from the west, from the unknown extremes in one direction to the unknown extremes in the other direction! BELIEVE IS TO TRUST!

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

9/23--10/13/14

Regular	33	\$2,139.00
Venezuela	<u>32</u>	<u>3,827.00</u>
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Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

## WELCOME! NEW DOORKEEPERS!

Robert & Hilda Bondurant (NC)

Photos from Venezuela  
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**PRAYER CALENDAR****NOVEMBER 2014***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1****ACTS 1-4 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Tommy &amp; Pat Apple (NC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill &amp; Karen Baker (OK)

Mike &amp; Joyce Baker (VA)

Marilyn Barry (VA)

Stan &amp; Emily Baskin (TN)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3****ACTS 6-7 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne &amp; Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron &amp; Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed &amp; Loretta Bolen (VA)

Bob &amp; Hilda Bondurant (NC)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4****ACTS 8-9 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)

David &amp; Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis &amp; Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed &amp; Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Emilee &amp; Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Jim &amp; Judy Britt (GA)

Clint &amp; Dorothy Brooks (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5****ACTS 10-12 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Henry &amp; Ruby Brown (AZ)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe &amp; Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don &amp; Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George &amp; Carol Buck (NJ)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6****ACTS 13-15 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)

Sunday &amp; Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don &amp; Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL)

Joeretha Capers (FL)

**12 COR 1-5 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Robert &amp; Anne Carroll (VA)

David &amp; Martha Cecil (VA)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7****ACTS 16-18 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Gus/Janice Christoffield (VA)

Harry &amp; Nancy Coffee (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Larry &amp; Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry &amp; Sonja Craig (TN)

Dan Cravey (VA)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8****ACTS 19-20 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Robert &amp; Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

John Davis (VA)

Harold &amp; Tama Decker (NY)

Alan &amp; Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Paul &amp; Joyce Eggleson (VA)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Don &amp; Mary Enoch (FL)

Gene &amp; Shirley Farley (CA)

Fellowship Baptist Ch (FL)

William &amp; Virginia Green

Larry &amp; Cara Fields (VA)

James &amp; Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom

(NE)

Ronald &amp; Brenda Fristoe (VA)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10****ACTS 21-23 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Estelle Gabbard (KY)

John &amp; Kim Gaines (DE)

Mike &amp; Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Frank &amp; Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron &amp; Carol Godwin (VA)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11****ACTS 24-26 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Ronald &amp; Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad &amp; Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY)

Dale &amp; Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Uel &amp; Hazel Hartless (VA)

Bruce &amp; Vivian Harris (TN)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12****ACTS 27-28 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon &amp; Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

James &amp; Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger &amp; Sara Henry (OH)

Sean &amp; Bethany Henry (VA)

Steve &amp; Donna Hensel (MN)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13****ROMANS 1-3 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jerry &amp; Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John &amp; Glenda Holland (VA)

Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike &amp; Sonya Hosick (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14****ROMANS 4-5 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jide &amp; Bunmi Iware (MD)

Betty Jackson (OH)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul &amp; Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Millicent John (NY)

Bob &amp; Rhonda Johnson (VA)

Dan &amp; Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15****ROMANS 6-8 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jim &amp; Penny Johnson (KY)

Dave &amp; Debbie Jones (VA)

James Jones (FL)

W I &amp; Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church

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Larry &amp; Janet King (NC)

Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)

Robert &amp; Rose Klous (VA)

Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quintin &amp; Mary Knauer (OH)

**PRAYER EMPHASIS**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**VENEZUELA**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
Korean Branch:

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**ROMANS 9-11 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**ROMANS 12-16 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

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

**WED., NOVEMBER 19**

**1 COR 1-6 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Betsy Miedema (MI)  
Gwen Miller (VA)  
Roger Minney (VA)  
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)  
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
French & Laura Moore (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)  
Elaine Moser (MN)  
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**1 COR 7-10 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

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)  
Ben Poplin (VA)  
Ayers Porter (TN)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)  
Jeannette Ralph (VA)  
Marjorie Randall (TX)  
John Reed (NH)  
Dave Ricker (ME)  
Alice Riddick (NC)  
Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**1 COR 11-14 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
Isabel Robotham (NY)  
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
Fred/Jeanette Rolater (TN)  
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
Sandra Rumore (VA)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**1 COR 15-16 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

John Saint (PA)  
Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)  
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)  
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)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)  
Mary Skiles (KS)  
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**2 COR 1-5 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)  
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)  
William Suttles (NC)  
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
Tabernacle Baptist Ch (DC)  
William Stroman, Pastor  
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)  
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**2 COR 6-9 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
Rose Tengstrand (VA)  
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
Montez Thompson (WI)  
William & Katie Toney (NC)  
Virginia Trask (VA)  
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)

**WED, NOVEMBER 26**

**2 COR 10-13 (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
Malcom Troutman (KY)  
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**GALATIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)  
Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA)  
Sara Underwood (TN)  
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**EPHESIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

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)  
Kay Warmerdam (TX)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**PHILIPPIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Don/Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
Rodger Watts (WI)  
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
Kay Wice (TN)  
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**COLOSSIANS (Venezuela 28.5M)**

Jeff & Terri Williamson  
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
Eva Winebarger (VA)  
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

**PRAY DAILY FOR AMERICA!**



## DAILY INTERCESSION

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Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)  
 Milcie Arnold [Carrol] (VA)  
 Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] GA  
 Margarie Coffee (VA)  
 Lin Custalow [Barbara] (VA)  
 Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)  
 Joyce Hunt (TN)  
 George & Joy Harper (VA)  
 Deanna Jones [Paul] (KY)  
 Lowry Miller [Marjorie] (VA)  
 Dr. Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)  
 Katherine Morgan (VA)  
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)  
 Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)  
 Pearl Shields [Walter] (VA)  
 Mary Skiles (KS)  
 Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

I asked Jesus,  
 "How much do you love me?"  
 And Jesus said,  
 "This much..."  
 The He spread His arms  
 And died for Me.

### INTERNATIONAL

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)  
 Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)  
 Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)  
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)  
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)  
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)  
 Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)  
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)  
 Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)  
 Paula Tipton (Thailand)  
 Joseph & Lily Veras (Malawi)  
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)  
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

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

### Good questions

One day a young man, a relatively new Christian, asked to speak to me privately after hearing my message. He was eager to get started right in his Christian life. His countenance reflected that desire. One question was a good one, **"Will you tell me what your Bible reading was during your devotional time this morning and any thoughts that touched your heart?"** Since I had my Bible and my daily note sheets, I showed him the passage with words/phrases underlined and the notes for the day.

Another day when I returned home, Beau, our grandson who was eight or nine said, "Granddaddy, I got a really strange phone call from a pastor in East Tennessee. **He wanted me to tell him if you really spent time reading your Bible every day.**" Then he wanted to know if you were a good granddad." Those were good questions. Beau said, **"I told him you did and that you are."**

Actually these are the kinds of questions that each believer needs to be asking himself. Am I in the Word each morning? Do the things I read touch my heart? Do they touch my life? As my good friend, **Royal Blue** (at that time a **Doorkeeper** and pastor of the Northern Valley Baptist Church, Reading, California) often said: **"Let your talk walk and your walk talk!"** Well said!

### ITINERARY

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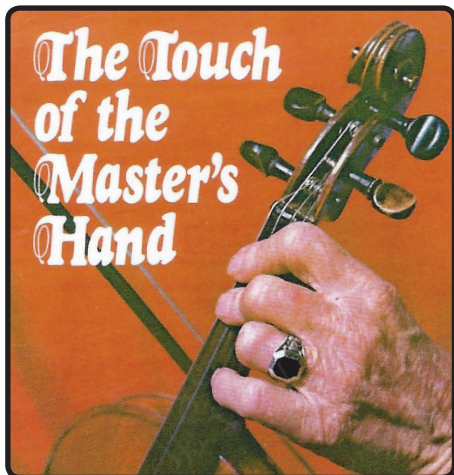
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DON'T FORGET TO PRAY  
 FOR THE MINISTRY  
 IN VENEZUELA



Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while,

To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"

"A dollar, a dollar;" then, "Two! Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

Three dollars once; three dollars, twice;  
Going for three " But no,  
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man

Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it  
two?"

Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand,  
twice,

And going, and gone," said he.

The people cheered, but some of them  
cried,

"We do not quite understand  
What changed its worth." Swift came  
the reply:

"The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless  
crowd,

Much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;  
A game and he travels on.

He is "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and almost "gone."

But the Master comes, and the foolish  
crowd

Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul and the change  
that's wrought

By the TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S  
HAND. Myra Brooks Welch

## The Touch of the Master's Hand

The Master's hand is the only hand  
that can transform the soul. This  
very moment the Lord Jesus Christ  
is waiting to turn your darkness into  
day, your sorrow into joy.

Listen. Hear His call: "Come now,  
and let us reason together ... though  
your sins be as scarlet, they shall be  
as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

Have more wonderful words ever  
been spoken? God wants to cleanse  
your life from sin and give you a new  
life of hope and joy. He does not ask  
you to change your life yourself. He  
asks you to come to Him **just as you  
are**. His word promises: "The blood  
of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us  
from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

But first you must **trust** totally  
upon God's mercy. You cannot depend  
on your "good works" to gain entrance  
into Heaven. For before God we are  
all sinners. "There is none righteous,  
no, not one ... For all have sinned and  
come short of the glory of God"  
(Romans 3:10, 23).

## An Open Letter (Continued from page one)

In looking back at what God has done, we discover how great God is! We look back to see ahead. We turn to yesterday to see tomorrow. In this issue of the **Reflector**, I have shared from **Wesley's Journals** thoughts that **John Wesley** had on his birthday. I encourage you to read them and be blessed by Wesley's observations. I have been. When Wesley spoke on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, he acknowledged that he was now in his 80<sup>th</sup> year of living. I can hardly believe this has happened to me. I have shared thoughts concerning the seventy-nine years that are now history, but I want to share my thoughts related to the present and the future.

Age has brought some limitations for both Sue and me; we are learning to make adjustments accordingly. It has not been many years ago that I could stand on a Saturday and teach for six hours (the amount of time required to conduct a full prayer seminar). Then on Sunday, I could stand for another six hours teaching another prayer seminar. Now I teach sitting, only occasionally standing to teach. Whereas I could accept invitations for social events following a prayer seminar, I now excuse myself.

During these thirty-four years, I thought nothing to get on a plane and fly for ten hours. Now I implement a plan to move around during a long flight instead of simply sitting, reading, writing, and preparing myself spiritually.

Now that I have entered my eightieth year, here is what I propose knowing that "man proposes, but God disposes:"

1. continue available for national seminars as God opens doors;
2. limit international seminars to no more than two a year;
3. "hold the ropes" for nationals to conduct prayer seminars;
4. continue the monthly **Reflectors**.
5. continue writing books;
6. use our website, e-mails, phone calls, and notes/letters to touch as many lives as possible.
7. inform as many people as possible about the availability of the books/booklets that I have written and to seek to make them available in as many languages as possible.

I eagerly seek the will of God and practice obedience when He speaks to me out of the Word and through the moving of the Holy Spirit. I know **WHERE GOD GUIDES, HE PROVIDES. IN A NUTSHELL, I WANT EVERY DAY OF THE REMAINING DAYS I HAVE TO COUNT FOR JESUS.**

I am grateful for what God has done in entrusting me with the content of the prayer seminar. I am grateful for every door He has opened (1,613 seminars in fifty-eight nations). I am grateful to God and each person who has helped with prayer and financial support.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

**Nehemiah 8:10**

**SCHEDULE A PRAYER SEMINAR BY  
SUBMITTING THREE  
POSSIBLE DATES.  
DON'T SETTLE FOR ANYTHING  
LESS THAN  
A PRAYING CHURCH.**

## The Bend in the Road

Sometimes

We come to life's crossroads  
And we view what we think is the end.  
But God has a much wider vision  
And He knows it's only a bend  
The road will go on and get smoother  
And after we've stopped for a rest,  
The path that is hidden beyond us  
Is often the path that is best.  
So rest and relax and grow stronger,  
Let go and let God share your load  
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow.  
You've just come to

A bend in the road.

**Helen Steiner Rice**

Shared by **Doorkeeper** Rosie Street,  
(Mrs. Johnny) Lonoke, Arkansas

**BE ONE OF  
ONE-HUNDRED!  
GIVE & PRAY!**

**VENEZUELA**

**(OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 15)**

**Caracas**

**Merida**

**PRAY FOR ADAM NATHANSON  
and DR. HENRY AS THEY  
SHARE PRAYER SEMINARS.**



**PRAY & BELIEVE!**

## LIKE JESUS

I want to BE like Jesus

This is my earnest plea,  
His love within my life to show  
That He's controlling me.

I want to LIVE like Jesus

His holy life through mine,  
That all the world around me may  
Know His life through me doth shine.

I want to LOVE like Jesus

In deed as well as word,  
That everyone I see may know  
I glorify my Lord.

I want to THINK like Jesus

With holy thoughts and pure  
My mind consumed by His mind  
In His great love secure.

**Willa Mae Whitney**



Recently Sue and I spent a delightful weekend at the home of John and Glenda Holland, long-time friends and Doorkeepers in Yorktown, Virginia. Hanging on the wall of the Hollands' kitchen was a beautifully framed poem that touched me. It was a gift presented by their friends, Connie & Sandra Newton in 1983. During the time in Newport News, we visited the 24/7 Prayer Chapel that came out of the burden for prayer launched in my own heart in 1977-78 when I began to understand the purpose and power of prayer.