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Letter from the PRESIDENT

Get "Caught Up"



Danny Shelton
 President

Dear Partner,

I think we can all agree that we live in perilous times, and that people are getting caught up in all kinds of movements. Some get caught up in political parties, while others get caught up in racially charged movements or labor unions. Some get caught up in sports and entertainment, while others get so caught up in work that it's life-changing. But now we are seeing an enormous increase in people (including Americans) who are getting caught up in radical Islamic terrorist movements. Even though their movement is Satan-inspired, they dedicate tremendous amounts of time, energy, and finances to promote their cause. They're even willing to give their lives for what they believe in!

And now, the sad part: Christianity is growing at a much slower rate than many man-made groups promoting agendas that will all end at the Second Coming. The devil is out to steal, kill, and destroy, and unless we're "caught up" in following Jesus to the point of being willing to dedicate our time, energy, finances, and, yes, even face death for the cause of Christ, we won't be "caught up" in the clouds to meet Jesus.

3ABN is committed to taking the undiluted three angels' messages of Revelation 14 to a lost and dying world. We've been doing this for almost 32 years, and we make no excuses for being caught up in the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20, sending the gospel through the airwaves and telling the truth about God and His Law. We'd much rather risk offending the world with God's last day message than be held accountable by the Creator of heaven and earth for failing to stand up and be counted on the side of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

I pray that each of us will rededicate our lives to Jesus Christ so we won't get caught up in earthly things around us, but will be caught up in the love of Christ, instead.

We cannot continue to take the three angels' messages to the world without you, and your sacrificial giving. So I ask each of you to get "caught up" prayerfully and financially in God's movement here at 3ABN to help finish the work before Jesus returns.

God bless!

Danny Shelton
 3ABN President & CEO

A Passion for REVIVAL

Revival seems to be a word we hear from every corner here at 3ABN—from our London 2016 revival event, to our 3ABN Homecoming Camp Meeting weekend!

This year's Homecoming will be broadcast over our television and radio networks, as well as the Internet, and yet, we hope you've made plans to be with us in person to hear heart-stirring messages from people who truly love the Lord and are preparing for His Second Coming.

Our keynote speaker will be Pastor Ivor Myers, from the Campbell Seventh-day Adventist Church in California.

He's been a frequent guest on *3ABN Today*, and has hosted *Battles of Faith* with his wife Atonte for many years. He also appears on the new *Salvation in Symbols and Signs* program on our Dare to Dream Network.

We caught up with him on the telephone as he traveled in California, and he shared his thoughts on revival with us.

A Passion for Revival

"Revival has been the theme of most of my presentations for the past six or seven years," he says. "In fact, my sermons during this camp meeting will be based on the story of two of Christ's disciples as they traveled to Emmaus."

The story Pastor Myers refers to is found in Luke 24, where Jesus catches up with His disciples, but they do not recognize Him.

"Joining their conversation," he continues, "Jesus asks them why they're so sad, and assuming He knows nothing about the recent crucifixion, they tell

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Jesus how their Master suffered and died, and that His body has disappeared from the grave. Then, filled with compassion, Jesus takes them back to Moses, and then all the prophets, explaining all the things concerning Himself in the Scriptures.

"Arriving at their destination, the dis-

Jesus, and eat of the Bread of Life. Then *our hearts burn in us*, as well!

"My goal for this camp meeting is basically to create a passion for the Word of God in the hearts of those who attend—and all those in our television and radio audience, too. Because eating

"My goal for this camp meeting is basically to create a passion for the Word of God in the hearts of those who attend... because eating the Bread of Life will lead to revival!"

ciples invite Jesus in for the evening meal, and He graciously accepts. He blesses the bread and gives it to them; and suddenly their eyes are opened! Just as they recognize Him, though, He disappears. And as they sit there in stunned disbelief, they say, 'Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?'

"You see, the disciples recognized Jesus *after they ate the bread*," Pastor Myers explains, "and in the same way, once we learn to study the Scriptures, we discover

of the Bread of Life *will lead to revival!* Christ is in every doctrine and every story of the Bible, and when we discover Him, it creates a heart fire that cannot be put out."

He continues, "Many people believe that the revival that led to the Day of Pentecost began when Christ's followers gathered in the Upper Room. However, I don't see it that way. I believe it all began with the forty days that Jesus spent studying with them. The real model for revival is what occurred during those

forty days that led them to the mindset they had. *They were on fire when they got there*, because of all they had learned. If we can understand the Scriptures as they did, we will finally have genuine revival, too.”

ARME Bible Camp

When asked what’s fueled his passion for revival, Pastor Myers tells of an encounter he had with a young man in Puerto Rico. “He asked me if he could live with us for two weeks, and study with us,” he recalls. “That wasn’t practical, of course, but it got me wondering if there might be a way to create a traveling school that could teach people in a short period of time how to study their Bibles.

“A group of us got excited about it, and Pastors Doug Batchelor, Stephen Bohr, Taj Pacleb, and I were among the speakers at the first ARME Camp (which stands for Adventist Revival Movement for the End Times). We’ve held over 25

ARME camps since then, mostly across the United States, but also in other countries, where we had anywhere from 200 to 500 people attending. Our emphasis is to teach folks how to *study*, how to *pray*, and how to *witness*. It’s less talking, not just preaching, and more hands-on. We’ve had participants of every kind, but since we deal strictly with how to study the Bible, there are no divisions among them. People are changed by studying the Word of God.”

The State of Revival

When asked about the state of revival in the body of Christ, Pastor Myers pauses for a moment, and then says, “I think that true revival is still ahead of us. I think, on the whole, God’s Church is still asleep. We’re not in that 40-day period before the 10 days of Pentecost, yet. We know what we know, but I don’t think there’s the excitement about God’s Word, yet.

“I’m especially thrilled to see young people get excited about God’s Word, and not just the normal excited, but the ‘Oh wow! I can’t believe this!’ excitement.”

“However, I get excited when I see people who don’t have a good understanding of the Bible walking away from these meetings with an eagerness they’ve never had before. I’m especially thrilled to see young people get excited about God’s Word—and not just the normal excitement, but the *‘Oh, wow! I can’t believe this!’* excitement. That’s most rewarding for me, and that’s my passion—bringing that kind of excitement to as many people as I can.

“That’s exactly what we’re going to present at Camp Meeting, that the key to revival is *rediscovering Christ* in Scripture. I praise God that His people are more open to this than ever before in our lifetime since we are quickly closing in on Earth’s final events.”

An Invitation

Although we’re just days away from 3ABN’s Homecoming Camp Meeting, we invite you to come in person if you can. We have a beautiful campground with a bathhouse, plenty of free RV parking spots with water and electricity hookups, as well as local hotels within a reasonable driving distance.

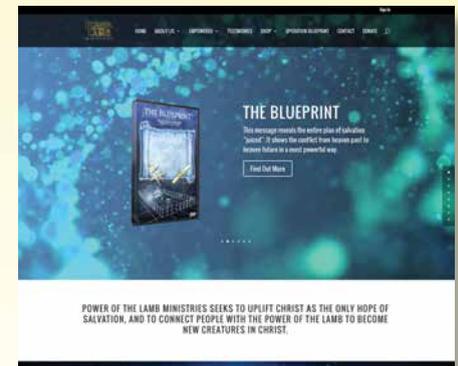
In addition, 3ABN provides the best vegetarian and vegan food *free of charge* prepared by Chef Anita Watkins for our camp meeting attendees! We have children’s meetings for all age groups, tours of our 3ABN studios, and much more, so come to beautiful southern Illinois and enjoy this marvelous spiritual feast in person.

Of course, if you cannot attend, make plans to watch each meeting on 3ABN television or hear it live on 3ABN Radio. You can also stream our programs online at **3abn.tv**, or through our app available for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets.

Be a part of the great revival that will sweep the world, preparing us to meet Jesus in the clouds of glory! ☺

Visit these websites to find out more about Pastor Ivor and Atonte Myers’ ministries:

powerofthelamb.com



armeministries.com



TEARS OF A LOST HARVEST

by Shelley Quinn



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Recently, while relating an experience from my youth with my husband, I had an epiphany. Now, I want to share both with you.

It happened when I was sixteen years old and spending the night with Nettie Crawford, my friend from church, at her family's farm. Stretching out as far as the eye could see, their vast fields were filled with dazzling white cotton.

Arriving at suppertime, the harvesting crew boisterously swapped one colorful tale after another throughout the evening. Mr. Crawford went outdoors periodically to check humidity levels, patiently awaiting that special point

when it would be safe to begin harvesting.



Shelley Quinn is 3ABN's Program Development manager and a well-known author and speaker. Her husband J.D. is manager of 3ABN's Pastoral Ministries Department.

THE UNEXPECTED

As the night wore on, the mood grew somber. It was 2:00 a.m., and I could sense my friend's father was growing anxious. Suddenly, lightning streaked across the sky and a booming thunder-

clap brought us out of our chairs! Within seconds, an unexpected squall blew in with high gusts of wind and driving rain. Another bolt of lightning knocked the electricity out at the house, leaving us standing in the dark, listening in dismay as a rare hailstorm peppered the ground.

Suddenly, lightning streaked across the sky and a booming thunderclap brought us out of our chairs!

Mr. Crawford stood looking out the patio door, and my eyes were fixed on this big, but gentle man who reminded me of my own deceased father. Another streak of lightning illuminated his face—and that's when I saw the tears rolling down his cheeks. His harvest was lost!

TEARS OF LOSS

"What a shame!" My husband exclaimed, as I shared this incident; and that's when it hit me! *Could this be an apt metaphor of end-time events?*

Jesus compared His work to gathering

the harvest: "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" John 4:35. There is only a short window of time to do the work of harvesting. It must be done with efficient teamwork, or crops can be spoiled. The season for God's harvest is likewise limited. People who don't know Jesus as their Savior are passing away—spoiled for eternity—and at Christ's return, His harvest season will be over. "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." Matthew 24:27. At the coming of our Lord, will our heavenly Father witness the devastation of the lost with tears streaming down His face? The Bible tells us His heart's desire is that none should perish.

THE HARVEST IS GREAT

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2. Isn't it time to join God's harvesting crew? Won't you become a member of The Blessing Is on the "GO!" Evangelistic Team today? Your recurring monthly donation of any amount will support 3ABN's ministry of world evangelism, and we will send you a resource each month to share with your family, friends, or neighbors.

It's easy to join! Go to our website, 3abn.tv, click on The Blessing Is on the "GO!" Evangelistic Team banner, and follow the simple steps to join. Or call us at (618) 627-4651.

Let's do all we can to avoid the tears of a lost harvest! ☺



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This Month's Evangelistic Tool "Calvary Says Love" DVD

Our world was lost because of sin, and man had absolutely no hope for the future—until Christ came, paid the penalty, and redeemed us! "Calvary Says Love," a sermon by Kenny Shelton, is this month's evangelistic tool, and it's perfect for sharing!



Share Your Experiences

We all love great stories, and we want to hear your experiences as the Lord opens up new opportunities for evangelism in your neighborhood! Is someone coming to church with you? Tell us about it by writing us or recording a 1-2 minute video on your smart phone and emailing it at GET@3ABN.tv.

Victory in Lexington

by Nikki Anderson

Lexington, Kentucky is known as the Horse Capital of the World. It was established in June 1775 by European Americans, who after hearing about the colonists' battle in Lexington, Massachusetts, decided to name their new town in honor of that victory, two months before.

Another victory came 240 years later, when WXCN-LP, 99.7 FM went on the air; but this time, it was won by the new Lexington Christian Network. Today, WXCN reaches most of the 310,000 people living in Lexington, but when the surrounding metropolitan area is included, that number reaches nearly half a million potential listeners!

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

It all started in 2013, when Pastor Pavel Goia of the Lexington Seventh-day Adventist

Church met an Adventist attorney who told him about an application window that would soon be opened by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for interested parties to apply for low-power FM radio station construction permits. He also told him how to get the process started, and what he needed to apply.

Returning home, Pastor Goia was very excited to bring this opportunity to the church board, and soon the Lexington Christian Network was formed. Their application was filed in November 2013 and was granted in December 2014. They were on their way!

When they received their construction permit, the church was ready. They held a fund-raiser, and members from three



Pastor Pavel Goia

local Adventist churches contributed—even though some of them wouldn't be able to receive the signal! Together, they raised enough to build the station and operate it for quite a while. One generous donor even allowed them to build a 40-foot tower on his business property in east Lexington!

The Lord also blessed with several board members who are also on the church's audio/visual team. Together, they set up a studio at the tower site to broadcast the programming, and

tower height and output power calculations. This started another very long process, culminating in being required to repeat the whole application process again!

Through all this, they never lost faith, but kept moving forward. And by God's grace, it was all resolved earlier this year when they were allowed to move the antenna higher on the tower and increase their transmitting power! So far, not only has the church been able to broadcast their pastor's sermons,

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another studio at the church to record local announcements and the pastor's sermons. They have an Internet relay between them, as well as the ability to switch to the other studio, if one of them is down. Talk about providing talent!

but they've also run announcements in English and Spanish for three local evangelistic series.

I asked Michael who voiced those announcements, and he said, "The members of our A/V team do that. But when no one else is available, or someone doesn't get to it, I've even done them!" He laughed and added, "I don't have a radio voice, but we all do whatever it takes to get things done."

DIFFICULTIES TURNED TO BLESSINGS

Now you know Satan wasn't going to let this be easy! Just one year ago, on September 8, 2015, WXCN-LP, 99.7 FM went on the air, and everything seemed to be going well—until the day a church member mentioned that the station's signal just didn't seem to be as strong as he thought it should be. He kept mentioning this to board president, Michael Hurter, until he decided to consult a few engineers, as well as the attorney who filed their application.

Recently, they've distributed bumper stickers and have other plans to increase community awareness of the radio station. Please keep them in your prayers—along with all the 3ABN Radio affiliates around the world. Thank you! ☺



Nikki Anderson is the administrative assistant for 3ABN Radio.

PHOTO: MAUNEZA LYONS



(L to R): WXCN-LP board president, Michael Hurter, at the microphone and Jim Lyons, board vice president, at the audio board.

WE HAVE *this hope*

by John Dinzey

During the month of June, we broadcast twenty-one sermons on a topic that has surely been the inspiration for over a hundred hymns. In fact, in Titus 2:13, the Bible declares it to be the “blessed hope.” That’s right, I am referring to the Second Coming—the glorious return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A SPECIAL HYMN

Seventh-day Adventists sing a well-known hymn called, “We Have This Hope,” and the first stanza contains these wonderful words:

*We have this hope
that burns within our
hearts,*

*Hope in the coming of
the Lord!*

This inspiring hymn is quite motivating; it’s one of the hymns that stays with you! But as I’ve traveled, it seems that some of us don’t have this hope burning anymore. Instead, we’re apt to be caught up in the hustle of everyday life, or we’re content

with what this world has to offer. I believe it’s time, as another hymn puts it, to “Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again!”

INSPIRED MESSAGES

Ten featured speakers spoke at our Spanish camp, which ran from June 19–25. Our theme was taken from the Spanish hymn, “The King Who Is Coming, Is Near,” and with it, we hoped to revive that desire in our viewers for the soon return of our Savior.

We broadcast live from the Multicultural Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Their pastor, Manuel Moral, is one of the hosts on 3ABN Latino’s Spanish program, *Camino, Verdad, y Vida* (*The Way, the Truth, and the Life*). Many of them are well known to our viewers. They included Robert Costa, speaker and director of *Escrito Está* (Spanish version of *It Is Written*), Daniel Scaron, Rubén Bullón, and Arnaldo Cruz.

We believe the Lord guided us as we assigned topics to each speaker. One of them was based on Job 19:25, which states, “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth.” When Pastor Cruz was informed that this verse

was one of his topics, he said, “That is very interesting! Not only is that verse my father and mother’s favorite text, but my wife and I consider it a favorite, too!”

God used each of our speakers, solemn words were spoken, and praise God, when moving appeals were made to consecrate their lives to the Lord, the majority of the people in attendance responded!

BLESSED

Our viewers were obviously blessed, judging by comments made on Facebook and Twitter. One lady contacted us by e-mail, saying that it was a beautiful evangelistic campaign, and that she watched it with her husband, who had not yet given his heart to the Lord. She added that he was riveted to the TV and hardly blinked!

The crowds grew each day until the church was packed to capacity. Many people greeted us throughout the week, but one lady approached me with tears in her eyes. “I’m so glad I came to these meetings,” she cried. “I really needed this, and I believe it has changed my life!”

We pray that many more like her around the world can once again sing with sincerity, “We have this hope that burns within our hearts, hope in the coming of the Lord!” ☪

Randy Bermejo runs audio from our remote television production truck.

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CERCA ESTÁ!

Pastor Robert Costa and John Dinzey (below) preach on the Second Coming of Christ.



John Dinzey is the general manager for 3ABN Latino Network. Originally from the Dominican Republic, his passion is to preach the gospel. His wife, Idalia, works with him at 3ABN Latino, and they’ve been blessed with two wonderful sons, Samuel and Caleb.



by Dr. Yvonne Lewis

A FAITHFUL SERVANT LEADER

As I sat across from Dr. Rogers, I couldn't help but notice the clarity of his skin and his sharp mind. He is incredible! Ernest Eugene Rogers (aka E. E. Rogers), celebrated his one-hundredth birthday on June 17, 2016.

Dr. Rogers is a scholar and retired professor of Biblical Languages at Oakwood University (1945-1979), and recently, I had the privilege of interviewing him on our flagship program, *Urban Report*.

When asked what the secret of his longevity was, he said, "A positive attitude." He feels that when your attitude is positive, and you make God first, He equips you to do all that needs to be done.



A Life Changed by Scriptures

Dr. Rogers was born in Memphis, Tennessee, to a two-parent household, but his father died tragically in an automobile accident when he was only nine years old. Although he suffered the loss of his father, a godly man soon became his mentor and had E. E. read the Scriptures aloud to him each day. The young boy began to notice that his life was changing, and when he was introduced to the seventh-day Sabbath in his teens, he embraced Adventism wholeheartedly.

Oakwood

One day, when he was about 18, a teacher in his congregation watched him give the mission story in Sabbath School. She was impressed, and said, "Boy, you ought to be at Oakwood!"

"What is Oakwood?" he asked, and the teacher responded, "It's a place we send

[Dr. E. E. Rogers] loves learning. "Everything opened up when I learned Greek," he says. "I saw new vistas that I had never seen before."

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our young people to prepare them for the work of the Lord in whatever discipline they might enter. Would you like to go?"

"I'd like to go, but I don't think we have the money," E. E. said, to which the teacher responded, "I didn't ask you that. I'm asking you if you want to go?"

"Well, yes!" the young man answered, and soon the teacher got permission from his mother to send him to Oakwood College. At the time, students paid \$25 a month for tuition, room, and board, but after a few months, E. E. assumed responsibility for his own bills. He not only worked his way through college and graduate school, but also received scholarships along the way. "Adventist education has made me what I am!" he says.

He still loves learning, and says that when he learned Greek, the Bible came alive for him. "Everything opened up, and I saw new vistas I had never seen before. Life became a situation in which I desired to make God first, and best, and last!"

A Companion

God blessed Dr. Rogers with a loving wife, the former Mildred Strachan, for 63 years. They had three children, Jeannette, Eugene, and Sherman, but sadly, 12 years ago, she passed away.

Six years went by, and then, at the ripe age of 94, he married the lovely 91-year-old Annell Wright. Both couples had been friends for years before they were widowed, and Dr. Rogers remembers the day he fell in love with her. He says he even remembers what she wore, adding, "She is the sun to my solar system!"

Each program features a guest's testimony or a valuable resource to assist the viewer in spiritual growth, and practical Christianity. The guests' stories are powerful and gripping, with emphasis on the divine plan that God has for each of us.

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9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
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Dr. Rogers is a living legend. He's taught a long list of notable evangelists and scholars in our denomination, including Henry Wright, Mervyn Warren, E. C. Ward, C. D. Brooks, Keith Burton, Charles Brooks, C. E. Dudley, Leslie Pollard, Carlton Byrd, C. A. Murray, John Lomacang, John Nixon, Timothy Nixon, Ron Smith, and numerous others.



Dr. Yvonne Lewis is a naturopathic doctor, author, lecturer, and singer, as well as the general manager of 3ABN's Dare to Dream Network for urban audiences.

What a legacy! We thank God for this servant leader, Dr. E. E. Rogers. ☺

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by C.A. Murray

PERSEVERANCE AND PROCLAIM!



THE TWO ANIMALS... COULD BE SEEN HEADING OVER
THE HORIZON—THE GREAT AND POWERFUL STEED
DRAGGING AND TOSSING HIS HAPLESS YOKEMATE
AROUND LIKE A BAG OF CREAM PUFFS!

A very interesting story appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, a paper read by a large cross section of the American public. Some time ago, the magazine ran a story that hearkened back to the days of the great Western cattle ranches.

TURNED LOOSE

Evidently there was a practice that included harnessing a little burro to a wild, unbroken steed. With the wild horse bucking, raging, and convulsing like a drunken sailor, the two would be turned loose to go running out into the vast, uninhabited desert range.

The two animals with apparently different temperaments and mindsets could be seen heading over the horizon—the great and powerful steed dragging and tossing his hapless yokemate around like a bag of cream puffs! However, this disparate, motley, and seemingly unreasonable pairing did have a very real agenda and goal, and no attempt was made on

the part of the ranchers to intervene or separate them.

They might be gone for days, but eventually the horse and burro would return. Surprise, surprise! The little burro would be seen first, calmly leading, with the now submissive steed in tow. Obviously, the seemingly impossible, and certainly improbable, had happened. Out there somewhere, on the rim of the world, that mighty steed—all muscle, strength, bravado, and self will—got tired of having (or trying to have) his own way. And at that juncture, the steady, consistent, and equally strong-willed burro assumed the mastery, taking the lead with little or no resistance from the stallion. The burro was now the unquestioned leader.

KINGDOM HEROES

That is the way with the kingdom of Heaven and its heroes, is it not? The battle goes to those who are determined; those who quietly, resolutely, and with

dogged determination hang on, hang in, and hold fast in the face of the raging winds of time, chance, trial, and change. The Bible states that “the race is not to the swift” (Ecclesiastes 9:11), but to him that endures!

The candle that is worthy of emulation is not the one that burns brightly when the air is still and there’s no opposition, then quickly flickers and goes out when the slightest wind blows. But perhaps the rock that rests on the seashore and resists the daily, constant pounding of the surf while remaining steadfast, is more emblematic of our quest for entrance into the kingdom of God.

The battle is won most certainly by the determined, not the outraged or the enraged; by the committed, not the merely dramatic.

STEADFAST

I have spent the last several days with a man who only watches 3ABN Proclaim!

He is not a young man anymore. His ankles and knees hurt most days. He walks slowly, and his speech is seasoned with the wisdom that comes from years of service in the army of the Lord.

He is steady, and steadfast, and much more akin to the burro than the stallion at his age. He is an unquestioned leader in his church, and the winds of strife have no real affect on his walk with his Lord.

Maybe he was always the burro. But ultimately, perhaps it is not that important, since no one is asking us to be like him. *We have to be like Jesus!*

There is, notwithstanding, one facet of his character that is worthy of emulation. He is a tireless promoter of and viewer of 3ABN Proclaim! ☺



C.A. Murray is the general manager for 3ABN Proclaim! and also hosts and produces the *3ABN Today* program. His wife Irma is a producer for 3ABN Latino.

Letters of LIFE

by Julia Outkina

At the end of 2015, the Lord called us to produce our first-ever *Three Angels* magazine, and through the positive responses we received from our friends, God spoke to my heart.

Throughout almost 24 years of 3ABN Russia's existence, you, my special messengers in Russia, have seen thousands and thousands of people take the New Life Bible course, He said. Some graduated and received a Bible as a gift, some quit after the first lesson, and some almost made it to the end, but didn't finish. What happened

to them all? Have they found a church? Are they still searching? Who feeds them spiritually?

After an inspired discussion with our workers, we decided to carry out a massive promotional campaign, sending letters to all our viewers from the past seven years who had taken our Bible study course; and since there were over 9,000 of them, we called it our Nine Thousand Letters of Life project.

We sent a magazine and a colorful letter, asking them how their walk with the Lord had been. Then we suggested they subscribe to our free magazine, and gave them information on how they can watch our channel on satellite or the Internet.

This was an overwhelming project, since our Call Center has only one employee, so our new general manager, Alexey Britov, held several presentations in surrounding Adventist churches, inviting volunteers to help us. Through this, God put together a powerful team of volunteers, and we praise God for our great Christian family members who are always ready to help us.

LIKE DOVES

Our letters flew like doves across our vast country, and soon we began receiving phone calls and expressions of gratitude from our viewers.

Alexei, FROM UDMURTIA, INDA, WROTE: "I'd like to subscribe to your *Three Angels* magazine. When I began reading the copy you sent me, I realized it as an answer to my prayers.

I used to drink and smoke and left my wife, but God changed me when I moved to the countryside, away from my family and the city.

I remembered those New Life Bible lessons, and the Bible you sent me. I began reading it and praying. Then your magazine came, and I read it from cover to cover. Today I'm trying to reconcile with my wife and raise my nine grandchildren with the Lord."

Thank you letters increased in numbers and geography. They came from cities like Orel, Novokuznetsk, Artyom, Kemerovo, Krasnodar, and others.

Maria, IN NIZHNY TAGIL, WROTE: "I was greatly surprised to receive a copy of *Three Angels*. I tried to fast for the first time, and your vegetarian menu was really helpful and relevant. My daughter was very happy about the children's page with puzzles, too. I want her to be a good person. She asks me a lot about life and death, and sometimes it's hard to answer her questions. I don't have a spiritual mentor, but I have so many questions. Your magazine and channel help me to understand more, so thank you!"

We were concerned that some of our viewers might not receive their letters, since the addresses we had might have been several years old. But God has shown us that He's interested in our success! We sent a letter to Tatiana, in the Kurgan region, not knowing that she'd moved to Tyumen Region. Nevertheless, the letter found her, with the help of the new tenants in her old house!

"I remembered those New Life Bible lessons, and the Bible you sent me. I began reading it and praying. Then your magazine came, and I read it from cover to cover."



As the dove brought the good news to Noah, we want our letters to fly across the country, carrying the message of life in Jesus Christ. Extending this analogy further, we consider your prayers and donations as the doves of life, too, helping to bring the good news of salvation to an ever-growing 3ABN family around the world! ☺



Julia Outkina is 3ABN Russia's executive director, and has been with us since 1992. Her passion is to win souls for Christ through 3ABN Russia's ministry and her personal testimony.

D-DAY!

by John Lomacang

The largest amphibious invasion of all time occurred on June 6, 1944. On that date, 160,000 Allied troops crossed the English Channel to try and take back German-occupied Western Europe. Most people know this event as D-Day, or the Battle of Normandy. However, the official title was Operation Overlord.

THE STRONGER SIDE



John Lomacang is 3ABN's director of World Evangelism. He pastors our local church and is an author, singer/songwriter, and host of *House Calls and A Sharper Focus*. His wife Angela works for 3ABN Radio.

By definition, an overlord is someone who has authority over another person or group. This operation was given this title to show the Germans who was the more powerful side during World War II.

Operation Overlord was a Coalition effort. Its theme was, "There is Strength in Unity"

Its Mission was, "Defeat the Enemy as a Coalition Force." Its Goal was, "Obliterate the Germany Killing Machine."

The Allied Forces were made up of troops from the United States, Great Britain, China, France, and the Soviet Union, and that combination of 160,000 troops, 1,200 planes, and 5,000 water vessels became the turning point in the most memorable international war effort in recent history.

The Allied Nations became the overlords of Germany, and the major reason for their victory was their slogan, "Losing is not an option." For the first time in modern warfare, nations combined their resources. There was only one greater concern than the cost of the war, and that was the value of a life!

NOT AN OPTION

For us, losing is not an option. Allow me to explain. The Bible says in Luke 15:10, "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over

Our combined forces must be the on-going effort to not allow *one precious soul* to slip away!

one sinner who repents." Our combined forces must be the ongoing effort to not allow *one precious soul* to slip away!

The reality is that we've finally arrived at the time we've all been planning and praying for. "Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere" is under way, and the atmosphere is electric! However, like the chaotic pandemonium that follows an exciting New Year's Eve Celebration, it is the post-event that I'm going to talk to you about now.

Keep this phrase in mind, "Evangelism is not *everything*. It's the *only* thing!"

THE NIGHT IS COMING

When Jesus sent His disciples to proclaim the message of deliverance and salvation, He never suggested there would be a time when they could pack up their bags and "spread the message" no longer.

What Jesus said to His disciples also applies with great relevance to us. If they worked with the passion of ushering in the return of Jesus, how much more diligently should that urgency grip us?

Concerning His personal mission, Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." John 9:4.

We are nearing the night of this world's history! We have no time to lose. We must work with a determined purpose, and perpetual evangelism is the key to keeping this campaign alive.

FOLLOW-UP

The follow-up meetings will be possible through the information we provide those who attend. Sermons from each meeting site will be recorded and added to the videos and lesson outlines on our **3ABNLondon.com** website, making it possible for the series to continue in their homes, fulfilling the "Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere" slogan.

D-day is coming when the Lord of this operation will say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." Matthew 25:21.

Do all in your power and sphere of influence to keep evangelism alive until Jesus returns, and may God bless you. ☺



KidsTime Praise

Let's All Praise the Lord!

by Brenda Walsh

Kids Time Praise is watched by kids of all ages—and yes, I'm talking about adults, as well. You'll be excited to know that we have just released new Kids Time Praise programs with lots of new faces. Kids from all over the world come to 3ABN to share their musical talents, and God is using them in a mighty way to touch hearts for Him.

New Opening Graphics

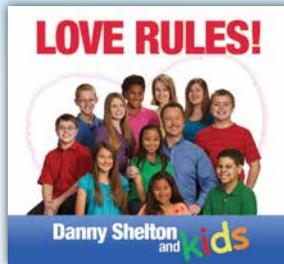
Our video editor, Gary Will, has created a new opening graphic for these programs that represents the full scope of kids who have shared their musical gifts

Video editor Gary Will, creates new opening graphic.

on Praise Time. I'm sure you'll be blessed as each of these precious children sing and play songs that will inspire, uplift, and draw you closer to Jesus.

New Theme Song

We have also added a new theme song for our opening graphic that I think you will love. Danny Shelton wrote a song called, "Let's All Praise the Lord," which is featured on his Love Rules CD. The words and music could not have been more perfect for this project, and the tune is so catchy—you simply can't stop yourself from singing along!



Love Rules! is available in CD and DVD format from 3abnstore.com.



Biju Pandit with his children, Nickie and Riya, accompanied by Sanja Kitevski.



Jimmy Rhodes and I accompany Molly Rae.

New Faces

The new programs will feature some of your favorite Kids Time Praise musicians, as well as some new faces! We have a wide variety of talent; sisters singing together, families playing bluegrass gospel instrumentals, solos, duets, trios, and a variety of groups! I'm excited about so many kids shining for Jesus, and I know you will be, too—so let's all praise the Lord!



The Knowlton Brothers



Dr. Calvin Taylor and InstruVoice Duo

We Need Your Help

If you would like to see more Christ-centered programs for kids, please prayerfully consider supporting our Kids Network. If the Holy Spirit impresses, please send your tax-deductible love gifts to 3ABN Kids Network, Post Office Box 220, West Frankfort, Illinois, 62896, or call us at 618-627-4651. You may also donate online through PayPal from many countries at 3abnkids.tv. Thank you for all you do for this ministry and for God's children around the world. ☺



Brenda Walsh is the general manager of 3ABN Kids Network, as well as producer/host of Kids Time and Kids Time Praise. She is a published author, singer, cook, and international speaker. She is married to Tim, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren.



Girls of Mercy



The Foster Sisters from Jamaica, accompanied by Sanja Kitevski.

OWLS

by Mellisa Hoffman



W owls are one of the most fascinating creatures in the bird family! With around 200 different species, owls come in all shapes and sizes. Despite some small physical differences, all owls are very

much alike. They have incredibly sharp senses and are always aware of what is happening around them. There's no way you could ever sneak up on an owl.

Owls have super-hearing. One in particular, the great grey owl, can hear a mouse moving around under a layer of snow that is two feet deep! Some owls look like they have ears sticking up on their heads, but those aren't actually ears at all . . . they are feathers, or ear tufts. An owl's facial feathers help them hear by directing sounds to their ears. They can even hear the tiniest noises 75 feet away!

It's a good thing that owls have big eyes. They are only active after dark, so their eyes must be extra sensitive in order to see anything at all. Owls don't actually have eyeballs; instead, they have eye tubes which help them see in the dark, but prevent them from seeing in any direction other than straight ahead. That could be a problem for humans, but owls can rotate their heads around 270 degrees, making it easy for them to see what's happening behind them.

Being quiet is also something owls are known for. They can sit still on a tree branch listening and watching until they locate their prey, take flight, swoop down and grab dinner with their sharp claws, and enjoy a meal without even being noticed.

Have you ever heard God speaking to you? Have you ever seen Him do something wonderful? God talks to us through His Holy Spirit, and the more time we spend with Him in prayer and the study of His Word, the better we will be able to hear Him and see the awesome things He does in our lives. Just like the owl, our senses must be fine-tuned. If we let things of the world come into our lives, they will drown out God's presence, and we won't be able to hear or see Him at all. So, let's be like the owl. Be quiet, listen closely, and watch carefully.



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"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."

Psalm 32:8

An owl's soft and thick feathers allow them to fly silently.



A close up of an owl's large eyes.



An owl's sharp talons help them catch their prey.

NAME THAT OWL

Match the name of the owl with its picture.

- A Barn owl
- E Great horned owl
- B Barred owl
- F Screech owl
- C Snowy owl
- G Long-eared owl
- D Great grey owl
- H Pygmy owl



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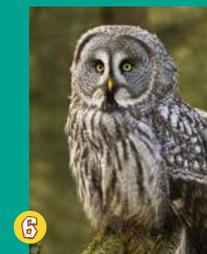
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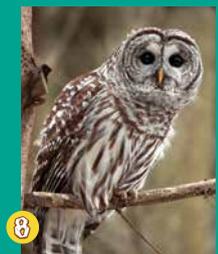
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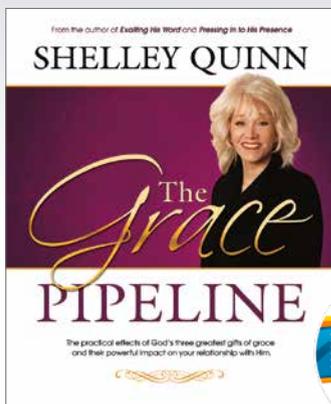


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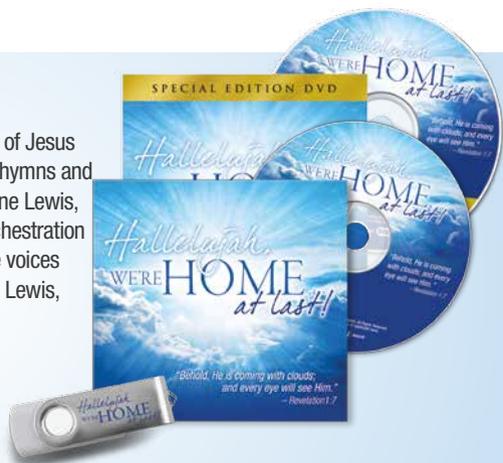


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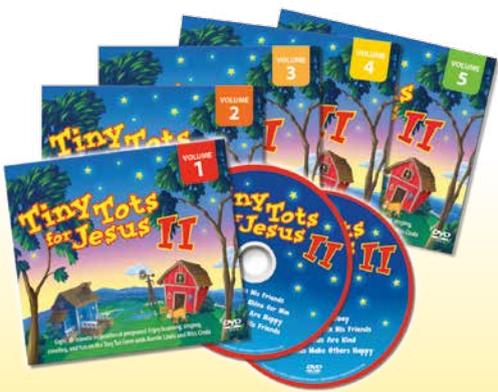
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For Pacific time -2 hours • Mountain time -1 hour • Eastern time +1 hour **CC** = Closed Captioned. **L** = Live program. **★** = New series. **↻** = Repeat of live program. Program titles in red are changes effective this month.

CDT	SUNDAY	CDT	MONDAY
2:00a	Pillars of Faith CC	2:00a	Life Discovery Series (Jim Reinking) CC
2:30		2:30	
3:00	Featured Ministries CC	3:00	Homecoming 2015 CC
3:30	From Sickness to Health (Rico Hill) CC	3:30	
4:00	In the Beginning (Stan Hudson)	4:00	Eleventh Hour Evidence
4:30		4:30	...(David Asscherick) CC
5:00	Revelation Now (Jac Colon) CC	5:00	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
5:30		5:30	Wonderfully Made CC
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC	6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) CC	6:30	Pressing in to His Presence (Shelley Quinn) CC
7:00	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC	7:00	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
7:30	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)	7:30	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC
8:00	3ABN Today	8:00	3ABN Today
8:30		8:30	
9:00	Stones of Remembrance CC	9:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
9:30	Adventures in Missions CC	9:30	
10:00	Focus on God's Word CC	10:00	Free Indeed (C. A. Murray) CC
10:30		10:30	Books of the Book CC
11:00	Inspirational Hour CC	11:00	Revelation of Hope (Taj Pacleb) CC
11:30		11:30	
12:00p	Melody From My Heart	12:00p	Behold the Lamb Presents
12:30	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC	12:30	...(Kenny Shelton) CC
1:00	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang) L	1:00	Off the Grid CC
1:30		1:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit CC	2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC	2:30	Heaven's Point of View (Frank Fournier) CC
3:00	3ABN Today LIVE L	3:00	3ABN Today CC
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4:30		4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC	5:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
5:30		5:30	Help in Daily Living CC
6:00	Books of the Book CC	6:00	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC
6:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC	6:30	Mission 360 (Gary Krause) CC
7:00	Jesus for Asia Now (Jon & Natalie Wood)	7:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery CC
7:30	The Heavens Declare (Jim Burr) CC	7:30	...(Cheri Peters)
8:00	3ABN Today	8:00	3ABN Today CC
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9:00	Table Talk CC	9:00	Pillars of Faith CC
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10:00	It Is Written Canada (Chris Holland) CC	10:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC
10:30	Help in Daily Living CC	10:30	
11:00	3ABN Today	11:00	3ABN Today
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12:00a	Secrets Unsealed Presents...	12:00a	ASI Conventions CC
12:30	...(Stephen Bohr)	12:30	
1:00	GYC 2015 CC	1:00	Books of the Book CC
1:30		1:30	Battles of Faith CC

CDT	TUESDAY
2:00a	Stones of Remembrance CC
2:30	Descendants of Abraham (Shakeela Yasuf) CC
3:00	Melody From My Heart
3:30	Free Indeed (C. A. Murray) CC
4:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
4:30	
5:00	Salvation in Symbols and Signs (Myers, Rafferty) CC
5:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	The Heavens Declare (Jim Burr) CC
7:00	Special Feature CC
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today LIVE
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10:00	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC
10:30	Pressing in to His Presence (Shelley Quinn) CC
11:00	Featured Ministries CC
11:30	Books of the Book CC
12:00p	Spring Camp Meeting 2016 CC
12:30	
1:00	Hope in Motion
1:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit CC
2:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) CC
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Kids Time Praise CC
5:30	Marriage in God's Hands CC
6:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
6:30	
7:00	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
7:30	...(Stephen Bohr)
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Behold the Lamb Presents CC
9:30	...(Kenny Shelton)
10:00	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht) CC
10:30	
11:00	3ABN Today
11:30	
12:00a	Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson) CC
12:30	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn) CC
1:00	Contending for the Faith (Clifford Goldstein) CC
1:30	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC

CDT	WEDNESDAY
2:00a	Celebrating Life in Recovery CC
2:30	...(Cheri Peters)
3:00	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht) CC
3:30	
4:00	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
4:30	Thunder in the Holy Land (Charles Byrd) CC
5:00	White Horse Media Presents (Steve Wohlberg) CC
5:30	Adventures in Missions CC
6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	ASI Video Magazine (Dan Houghton) CC
7:00	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
7:30	Help in Daily Living CC
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Keepers of the Flame CC
9:30	Divine Design (Patti Barnes) /Grandma's House (Neal) CC
10:00	Melody From My Heart
10:30	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
11:00	Table Talk CC
11:30	
12:00p	3ABN On the Road CC
12:30	
1:00	Issues and Answers CC
1:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins) CC
2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Back to Our Roots (Alex Schlussler) CC
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Everlasting Gospel CC
5:30	
6:00	Revelation Speaks Peace CC
6:30	...(Shawn Boonstra)
7:00	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang)
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
9:30	Books of the Book CC
10:00	It Is Written CC
10:30	Stones of Remembrance CC
11:00	3ABN Today CC
11:30	
12:00a	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang)
12:30	
1:00	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore) CC
1:30	Take 15 / Divine Design (Patti Barnes)

CDT	THURSDAY
2:00a	Books of the Book CC
2:30	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC
3:00	Up Close
3:30	
4:00	Remodeling Your Life (Jim Ayer) CC
4:30	Issues & Answers CC
5:00	Origins (Terry McComb) CC
5:30	
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Jesus for Asia Now (Jon & Natalie Wood) CC
7:00	Homecoming 2015 CC
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	GYC 2015 CC
9:30	
10:00	From Sickness to Health (Rico Hill) CC
10:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) CC
11:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery
11:30	...(Cheri Peters) CC
12:00p	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC
12:30	Marriage in God's Hands CC
1:00	Books of the Book CC
1:30	Taste of Paradise (Nyse Collins) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
2:30	Melody From My Heart
3:00	3ABN Today
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4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
5:30	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC
6:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC
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7:00	Sabbath School Study Hour
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8:00	3ABN Today LIVE
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10:00	Kenneth Cox Ministries CC
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11:00	3ABN Today
11:30	
12:00a	Table Talk CC
12:30	
1:00	3ABN Today LIVE
1:30	

CDT	FRIDAY
2:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (continued)
2:30	
3:00	Revelation of Hope (Taj Pacleb) CC
3:30	
4:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
4:30	Battles of Faith CC
5:00	Sabbath School Study Hour CC
5:30	
6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	His Words Are Life (Mowrer)/Grandma's House (Neal) CC
7:00	Revelation Now (Jac Colon) CC
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8:00	3ABN Today
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9:00	Behold the Lamb Presents CC
9:30	...(Kenny Shelton)
10:00	Health for a Lifetime (Don Mackintosh) CC
10:30	It Is Written Canada (Chris Holland)
11:00	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
11:30	...(Stephen Bohr) CC
12:00p	Revelation Speaks Peace CC
12:30	...(Shawn Boonstra)
1:00	Remodeling Your Life (Jim Ayer) CC
1:30	Cook:30.2 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Steps to Christ in Song CC
3:00	3ABN Today
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4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Featured Ministries CC
5:30	Melody From My Heart CC
6:00	Jesus for Asia Now (Jon & Natalie Wood) CC
6:30	The Heavens Declare (Jim Burr) CC
7:00	Pillars of Faith
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8:00	3ABN Today CC
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9:00	It is Written CC
9:30	Maranatha Mission Stories CC
10:00	Mission 360 (Gary Krause) CC
10:30	Hope in Motion
11:00	3ABN Today
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12:00a	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang)
12:30	
1:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
1:30	Thunder in the Holy Land (Charles Byrd) CC

CDT	SATURDAY
2:00a	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
2:30	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore) CC
3:00	Give Me the Bible (Kenneth Cox)
3:30	
4:00	Focus on God's Word CC
4:30	
5:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
5:30	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
6:00	It Is Written CC
6:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
7:00	Kids Time Praise CC
7:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh)
8:00	3ABN Today
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9:00	Sabbath School Study Hour CC
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10:00	Kenneth Cox Ministries CC
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11:00	Worship Hour CC
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12:00p	Pillars of Faith CC
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DIVINE DESIGN

There is nothing as precious as a newborn baby—a gift from our loving heavenly Father. How important it is for us to become educated as to how to best provide for the well-being of these little bundles of love, not only after they are born, but while they are forming in the womb, and even before conception. This is why 3ABN is thrilled to debut a new program this month called, *Divine Design* with Patti Barnes.

A SPECIAL BURDEN

It has long been a burden on Patti's heart to educate young ladies about childbirth. As a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) licensed in the state of Virginia, she has practiced midwifery for over 30 years. But in recent years, she's con-

centrated on interesting others to enter the field of midwifery and childbirth education. From the encouragement she received from Dr. Agatha Thrash of Uchee Pines Institute, Patti has taught seminars across the country. She also appeared on 3ABN's *Health for a Lifetime* program with Don Mackintosh, several years ago.

More recently, she has implemented a Childbirth Education/Doula* and Midwifery curriculum at Hartland College in Virginia, at the request of President Norbert Restrepo.

Seeing the growth and the tremendous potential in this curriculum, Patti and the Hartland Media team put together a few short promotional videos. These five-minute productions caught the attention of Mollie Steenson, 3ABN's vice president and general manager.

"I admit that when I was asked to review a program on midwifery, my initial reaction was negative—that is, until I sat down and watched the first program, and then all the others," she says. "Seeing how a baby develops was amazing, as was



Patti Barnes (right) interviews Dr. Debbie Beihl, OB/GYN in Residency, on the Ministry of Childbirth episode.

"Seeing how a baby develops was amazing, as was every stage of the miracle of childbirth.... This program will quickly become a favorite."

every stage of the miracle of childbirth. I am convinced this program will quickly become a favorite on 3ABN!"

A NEW SERIES IS BORN

With the interest from 3ABN to air them, Patti expanded the project to thirteen episodes, covering a wide variety of childbirth topics. The goal was to be a blessing to viewers around the world!

The Hartland Media team is mostly comprised of students under the supervision of Min Suk Chung, their media instructor. They worked very hard with Patti to produce family-friendly videos that would be appropriate for all ages.

The first three episodes deal with conception, the amazing journey of the egg, and the developing embryo. This is followed by an episode on the miracle of

childbirth and the amazing transitions that take place as the baby is born.

Episodes five through seven discuss the importance of good prenatal care, the eight laws of health in childbirth, and common complaints in pregnancy.

Episode eight examines what to expect in labor and delivery, followed by one on the potential dangers of New Age practices. The next program looks at how to avoid complications that can lead to C-Sections, followed by a program on the benefits of breastfeeding.

The final two episodes cover the most frequently asked questions and the potential for ministry in the area of childbirth, with a total dependence on Divine guidance.

Everyone may benefit from these educational and spiritual programs—from expectant parents to grandparents—since these Christ-centered episodes give glory to our Creator and demonstrate a sample of the Divine wisdom and power in human reproduction. ☺

*A woman who is trained to assist another woman during childbirth and who may provide support to the family after the baby is born.

God's Gentle Hand

by Bobby Davis

Charley and Susie Haisch live in Polo, a small town of about 2,500 about an hour southwest of Rockford, in northern Illinois. Raised in rural settings, they are grateful for loving parents and the solid values they gave them. They're also grateful for the good careers they enjoyed—Charley as a pharmacist, and Susie as owner of a beauty salon.

Raised in Methodist homes, they never questioned what they'd been taught, and probably believed they'd never attend church anywhere else. "My Dad was pretty strict on church attendance," Charley says, "and unless we were really ill, you would definitely find us in church every Sunday! But when I went away to college, I only attended church periodically—pretty much when I felt guilty."

"I was raised Methodist, too," Susie says, "but my family wasn't quite as strict. So when we got older and didn't want to go to church, nobody forced us."

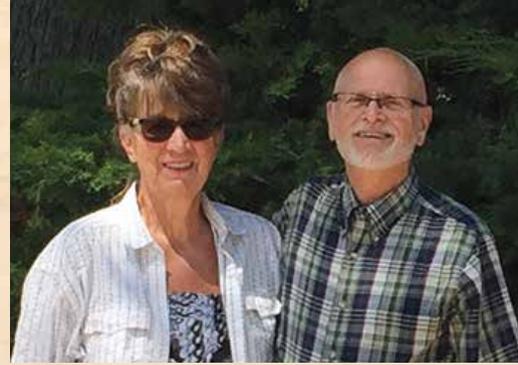
After they married, the couple would visit Charley's parents in South Dakota. "Susie and I would go to church with them—as a courtesy," he says, "but it was

never because we wanted to go. Sadly, all that time, I never got to know Jesus. And if there's one thing I would change about my life, that would be it. I was 59 years old before I gave my heart to Christ, and while we pray for Jesus to come soon, I thank Him for tarrying. Had He not done that, I wouldn't be here. I'd be lost forever."

Psychics

Their successful careers kept Charley and Susie very busy. But here's where their journey gets rather interesting. "I guess you might say that we were searching for something, but we didn't realize it," Charley says, "and somehow or other, Susie became very interested in psychics. She was especially impressed by Sylvia Brown, a famous psychic who made the rounds of all the television shows."

"Sylvia was a world-renowned psychic," Susie explains, "and I probably read 30 of her books before I found out the truth about all that. When she showed up on the *Montel Williams Show*, I made sure we didn't miss it!"



Charley and Susie Haisch didn't realize God was leading them, "But He was," Charley says. "He kept changing the angle just a bit until He got us over to the right message!"

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"There were other psychics, too," Charley adds, "and although all this was 180 degrees in the wrong direction, when Sylvia Brown talked about Mother God and Father God, we started praying to one for one thing, and then praying to the other for something else. One of Susie's friends had a psychic come down two or three times to talk to our horses, and she told us things that only the horses and we would know!"

"She also talked to our other pets," Susie adds, "and although that's really out there, when you don't know where all this information is coming from, it's pretty convincing. Satan knows things, and I feel sorry for psychics because they're so lost. They're seeing demons, and they don't even know it."

Charley points out, "Years ago people would laugh if anyone talked about psychics, but people believe in them today!" He pauses for a moment, then adds, "There's too much going on in the world, and between cell phones, computers, the Internet, TV, and everything else, people don't take time to sit down and read their Bibles. That's Satan's plan—to occupy our minds."

A Turning Point

Although Charley and Susie were walking down a wrong path, their heavenly Father never gave up on them, and slowly, He used their interest in spiritual things to lead Susie to Christian television.

"She started watching *The 700 Club*, and that led us to buying a Sky Angel satellite dish for Christian and family-friendly channels," Charley explains. "We also watched Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) a lot."

Susie quickly adds, "I guess we just melded all the psychics and Christian teachings together. Honestly, I think a lot of people do that, because you can twist anything to make it fit if you don't know your Bible—and we didn't!"

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A program called *Through the Bible* with Les Feldick helped get them into the Scriptures. "Les would sit down and go through the Bible, and although some of his teachings were wrong, we really learned a lot about the Scriptures," Charley says. "I didn't even know God was leading me, but He was. He kept changing the angle just a bit until He got us over to the right message! We found ourselves watching psychics less and less, and eventually we threw all those books out."

“What’s That?”

The first time Susie heard about Seventh-day Adventists was when her dermatologist mentioned that his neighbors were of that faith. She remembers asking him, “What’s that?” and he said “Oh, they think that Saturday is the Sabbath,” which she thought was odd. Meanwhile, their Sky Angel receiver began to fail, so Charley ordered a new system from Dish Network—complete with a DVR to record programs. “They installed two dishes so we could get both the Sky Angel and Dish channels,” he says, “and that’s when Susie discovered 3ABN!”



Susie and Charley met Pastor Doug Batchelor (center) at 3ABN Camp Meeting in 2014. His program caught Susie’s attention early on.

One day, as she flipped through the program guide, she came across a channel she didn’t know. *What’s that?* she wondered, as she tuned it in. “I thought it was very different, but what they said made sense. Then Pastor Doug Batchelor began to preach, and suddenly things started to fit together. By the time Charley came home, I said, ‘You gotta watch this guy!’”

“We watched 3ABN a lot,” he recalls. “We watched before I went to work; we watched when I came home. It was

phenomenal, and we were hungry for truth! My favorite Bible text is Romans 5:8, ‘But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.’ He set us up, and He gently brought us around.”

Baptism and the Sabbath

As Susie watched 3ABN one day, one thought kept crowding in. “I didn’t say it to Charley, but as we watched I kept thinking, *I think I’m an Adventist!* Then suddenly, he looked at me and said, ‘I think I could be an Adventist!’”

With that realization, they both decided to be baptized; but one big obstacle remained. “We both worked every weekend, and I knew my boss had trouble getting pharmacists to work on Saturdays. I didn’t know what to do, so finally, I sent an e-mail to Pastor John Lomacang, and a half-hour later, he called! We talked, and I can’t tell you how that eased my mind. The next day, I sent my boss an e-mail laying out my situation, and asking for Saturdays off. It happened to be April 1, though, so naturally, I got an e-mail back asking if this was an April Fool’s joke!

“It was a struggle for a while, because although he cut me way back, my boss still had me working one or two Saturday’s a month. When I did, I decided to give all my wages to the Lord because I didn’t feel good about keeping it.

“We were so eager to be baptized that I called 3ABN and was transferred to Pastor Jim Gilley, their president at the time. I’m happy to say that the Lord



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worked it all out, and Pastor Lomacang baptized us during 3ABN’s Spring Camp Meeting! He also wrote a letter to my boss, and I never worked another Saturday again.

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“It chokes me up when I think of all the ways God led us to know Jesus. When we were baptized, we were just baby Christians. But praise God for the Sanctification process and that we’ve never quit learning. Each day we get stronger in our faith.”

Mom

But there’s more to this story! Susie’s parents had become disillusioned with church back in the 1960s and hadn’t attended much. But after she began attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church, she asked her mom, Betty Stoner, if she’d like to go with her. “She lit up, and said, ‘Yes, I’d like to go!’” Susie says with a smile.

“Mom had always played the piano, but she’d never played church music. So it was a whole new experience when she

Susie’s mother, Betty Stoner, overcame her overwhelming fear of water and was baptized by Pastor Don Lewis (left) at age 88! Charlie was honored to be there to reassure her.

was asked to be our church pianist! She loved our church so much that a year and a half later, at the age of 88, she wanted to be baptized. Since she was petrified of putting her face in the water, we could tell how serious she was about it!

“It was a beautiful baptism, and today, at 93, she’s with us in church every Sabbath. Our church family loves her, and they love her music, too.”

If you visit the Sauk Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, chances are you’ll meet Susie at the door, since she’s a greeter. You’re sure to meet Charley,

who is an elder and a Sabbath School teacher, and you’ll enjoy Betty’s piano playing, too!

Today the Haisch family is grateful for God’s gentle hand that led them into truth, and for a church family that’s eager to share the love of Jesus with everyone they meet. Thank you for your prayers and support that make stories like this possible! ☺



If you’re anywhere near Dixon, Illinois, why not stop in and meet Charley and Susie at the Sauk Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church at 416 Prospect Street? They will be delighted, and so will you!

Fear

by Jill Morikone

I glanced at my phone. 6:55 a.m. Sunday morning. I was running late! Greg and I were still finishing breakfast, and in just a couple of minutes I should be praying with my prayer partner, Jacki.* I sent her a quick text: "Will be five minutes late, maybe a bit less." Setting the phone down, I hurried to swallow the last of my cereal.

Jacki and I had been praying weekly for over four years. Every Sunday morning at 7:00, we prayed on the phone. We always talked about what God had done for us the previous week, the victories He'd given us, and the places where we still struggled. We had open, genuine accountability, but the best part of our talks was always our prayer time. She was my sister in Jesus and had lifted me up before the throne of grace literally thousands of times. We both longed to be transformed into God's image as we sought His face.

Fear

My phone hadn't whistled. *That's odd, she always answers right away.* "Greg, do you think she's okay? She hasn't answered yet." Fear began to set in.

You see, Jacki had recently undergone a subclavian bypass. However, just as she began recovering, she'd had chest pain and shortness of breath. After ruling out any blockage, the doctors had sent her home, where she lived by herself.

Maybe something's happened to her. My fear began to build.

My mind traveled back to the chest pain she'd just had a couple of days ago. The doctors rushed her in for an angiogram, checking for blockages. She had called me, but we hadn't had time to pray before

they came to get her for the procedure. I hung up the phone and fell to my knees, pleading for her. I asked God to give her a special sense of His presence, that He would guide the doctor, and that everything would be okay, if it was in His will. *God, please take away her fear.*

Later that day, she'd texted. "As they wheeled me down to the operating room, I told God I was a little concerned that no one would be there during the procedure, and He said, *I am.*"

God had showed up! Surely, He would be with her now.

I picked up the phone and dialed her number. It rang a couple of times while I held my breath. Then, I heard her voice, "Hello?"

Oh, thank You, Jesus!

"Greg, do you think she's okay? She hasn't answered yet." Fear began to set in...



The Solution

I don't know about you, but fear crops up in my heart far too often. Sometimes it's fear for my friends and family. Maybe it's fears about health, or the future. Lately, it's been fear of failure. *What if I mess up? What if I can't do this job or the calling God's placed on my life? What if I let God down?*

Then a friend shared a quote from Henry C. Link with me: "While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior."

Are you afraid of making a mistake? Get up and do something! Are you hesitating with a decision? Consult your options, pray, and make the best decision you can.

Are you afraid of failure? Choose to grow from your mistakes.

Every time fear raises its ugly head, choose to take your thoughts captive to the Lord Jesus. Choose to pray, praise, and move forward in His power. After all, there is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out all fear! ☺

*A pseudonym.



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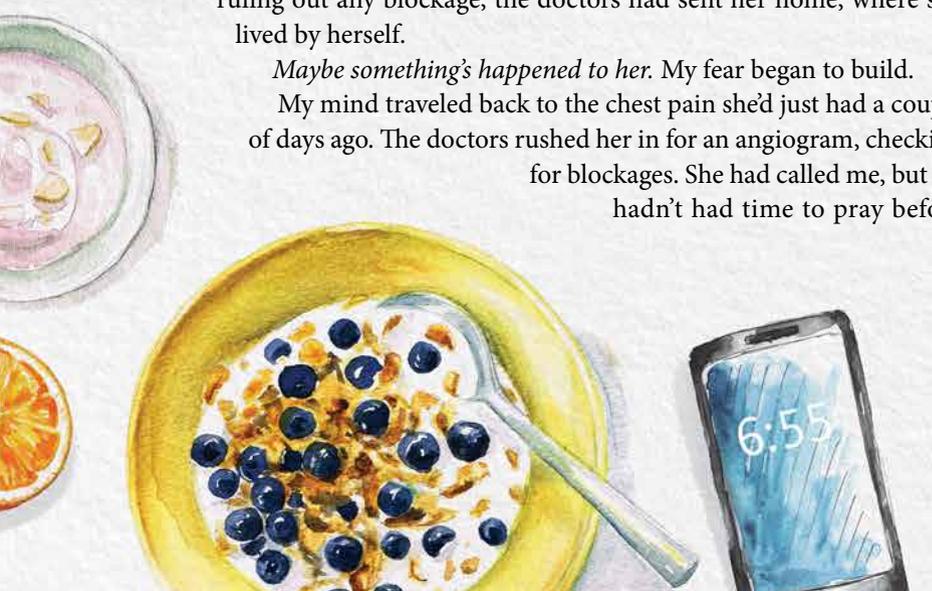


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VEGGIE PASTIES

with Mushroom Gravy

From the kitchen of Janelle Owen



FILLING

- 3–4 medium potatoes, cubed (we like skin-on)
- 3 medium carrots, chopped or sliced
- ½ cup lentils
- ½ tsp salt (or to taste)
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1½ cup frozen peas
- ½ medium onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ tsp onion powder
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ¼ tsp cumin
- 7 cups water

DIRECTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 375°F

1. Combine all ingredients except peas in a pot and cook on medium-high heat for about 10–12 minutes.
2. Allow to cool, then strain vegetables with a strainer and bowl to catch the broth.
3. Remove bay leaf.
4. Set aside vegetables and broth to use later.

FINAL DIRECTIONS

- Combine all vegetables, peas, and gravy
- Use your favorite pie crust recipe and double it. Roll dough to 1/4" thick. Cut 6" circle (may use small pan lid for guide) then scoop 3–4 Tbsp of vegetable mixture onto one half. Fold over and pinch together firmly to secure filling. Poke top with fork. Bake at 375°F for about 40 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve with gravy.

GRAVY

You may double this recipe and save half to pour on top.

INGREDIENTS A

- 2 Tbsp oil
- ½ medium onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 8 oz fresh button mushrooms, sliced

INGREDIENTS B

- 6 Tbsp oil
- 6 Tbsp flour
- 2½ cups vegetable broth
- ½ tsp salt (or to taste)

DIRECTIONS

1. Caramelize gravy Ingredients A in a skillet, then set aside.
2. Heat oil from Ingredients B on medium heat until it's hot enough to fry.
3. Slowly add flour, mixing it with oil. Consistency should be a somewhat thick paste. May need to add more oil or flour.
4. Cook flour about 5 minutes until it's golden brown.
5. Slowly add broth and salt, continuously whisking as it thickens.
6. Add caramelized mixture and cook for about 5 minutes.



Once, when we were dating, my husband and I went on a road trip adventure through his home state of Michigan. Every so often, we saw signs advertising “Pasties” from a local restaurant. “What in the world is *that*?” I remember asking him. When he described it, we both agreed I needed to try one—and from that moment, I was a *pasty fan*! We’ve made them a few times since then, and have always had fun sharing the kitchen with this teamwork recipe. This is our version, but you can adjust it to taste. Enjoy this little piece of Michigan! ☺

Janelle Owen

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HEADACHE

by Dr. James Marcum



My head hurts! This headache is *killing* me! I think everyone can relate to those phrases. Pains in the head are common. In fact, more individuals suffer from headaches than from any other type of pain. *Eight million people* visit the doctor each year because of head pains.

HEADACHES

Most head pains are not life threatening. The most common head pain is the headache, which, in most cases, is tension or stress-related. In fact, 80 to 90 percent of us will have a stress headache at one time or another. These types of headaches may manifest as pain throughout the head or at the base of the skull. Any type of stressor can trigger this type of pain.

Sometimes headaches may have a specific cause, like dehydration. This is one of the most common causes of headaches. Lack of sleep, alcohol consumption, sinus infections, eyestrain, high blood pressure, an infection, and

certain foods containing monosodium glutamate (MSG) are among the more common causes, too.

Migraine headaches usually have a warning period, called an aura, where a person might have nausea, abnormal sensations, or sensitivity to light. When I've had a migraine, my tongue feels prickly, and then the headache comes. At other times, I'll have a hard time focusing my thoughts. Migraine headaches may have triggers, like certain foods, missed meals, lack of sleep, or stress.

SEEKING HELP

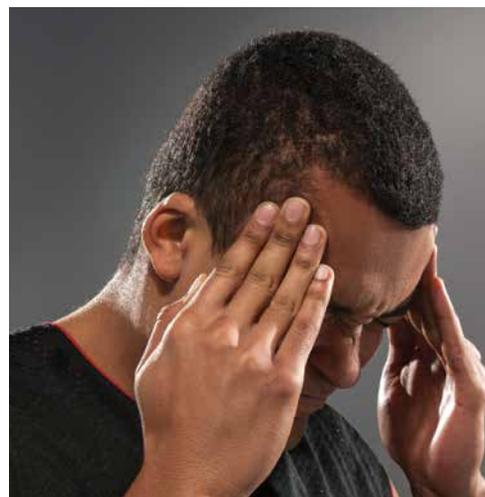
When should you seek help for head pain? Immediate evaluation should be considered if you should experience the "worst headache ever," a change of headache pattern, head pain aggravated by exertion or coughing, or head pain after trauma. If you have a change of vision, sensation, weakness on one side of the body, or the pain continues to worsen, this might be serious.

If the pain is unresponsive to initial

treatment, or if there's neck pain with a fever or persistent nausea and vomiting, a more serious cause of the pain should be considered. A provider will evaluate these symptoms with an exam, or some type of imaging of the brain—a CT scan or MRI. In cases of suspected infection, a lumbar puncture may be needed. Neurologists are the physicians who specialize in headache pains.

called nonsteroidals is useful, as they help inflammation. Acetaminophen may help the pain, as well. The goal, though, is to *find and eliminate the cause*, since pain signifies that *something is not right*.

There's much more to be said about headaches. **Headaches.org** is a good start, or ask your questions on our website, **heartwiseministries.org**. Always ask God to help in your health problems, and do not be too proud to seek help. ☺



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TREATMENTS

What are some treatments for headaches? Water, deep breathing, and sleep might help a tension headache. Ginger root has been shown to help migraines, and hibiscus and beets may help headaches associated with high blood pressure.

Sometimes a short course of pain medication may be needed to get a person over the hump. A class of medications

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Pray WITH ME

by Bobby Davis

I've shared before how profoundly my life has been affected by praying, *Good morning, Lord. What can I do for You today?* That request has opened my eyes to the needs of others like never before. Some just need me to listen; others need my experience, strength, and hope. But when I pray with them, a new bond is made because we've brought the Almighty into our friendship.

Confession

As long as I've lived, I've never experienced a spiritual thrill quite like that of hearing someone's first prayer. (If you've never had that chance, please watch for it.) But before we go there, it's time for a confession. You see, as a Christian, I became comfortable saying, "I'll pray for you," but quite often, I'd forget all about it—until I met that person again, and they *thanked me for my prayers!*

How guilty I've felt for not following through, and how I've begged God to help me remember. So here's what I've learned:

First, when the thought comes to pray for the person I'm speaking to, I quietly ask God's Holy Spirit for guidance. Sometimes I'm impressed to make them a matter of daily prayer, and I write their names on Post-Its, sticking them to my computer or even on the dashboard of my car. Other times, I'm impressed to ask if I can pray for them, right there, and as I recall, no one has ever turned me down.

But then there are those special times when I'm impressed to invite them to pray *with* me. Sometimes they say, "I don't know how to pray," or "I've never prayed out loud," and I gently ask, "How about if I go first, and then you talk to God like you talk to me?"

Moved to Tears

Often, I'm moved to tears when they pray. I still remember the first time my friend Joe prayed out loud. I'd finished my prayer by saying, "And now, my friend Joe wants to talk to You," and...

Silence. I waited.

More silence.

I'm sure it was only 30 seconds, but it felt like five minutes.

Finally, in a faint and childlike voice, he said, "God, this is Joe, and I don't know how to talk to You. But I want to...."

My heart swelled with so much gratitude that my tears flowed freely as Joe poured out his heart to a God he barely knew.

We sat there a long time, and finally, he broke the silence. "Wow. I feel like God's wrapping His arms around me like my father used to when I was just a kid."

Watch

I've learned to watch for those friends who need and want to pray with me, and once they do, many of them want to continue every day. I usually wake around 5:30 a.m., and if I don't call him first, Dustin calls me at 5:45. He's been doing this every day since he said his first prayer, a month ago. At 10:00 a.m., I hear from Jay, who's been praying with me for a few weeks. Every night I pray with Ray as he drives

to work, and then with Dustin again, who says that praying at night helps him go to sleep. We ask God to remove our fears, resentments, selfishness, and self-seeking. We pray for their children, our co-workers, and for the wisdom to make right decisions.

The moment a child of God cries out for help, Jesus' promise comes true: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

Highest Work

Many years ago, Ellen White wrote that, "We should watch for opportunities of speaking to others of the Saviour. If we follow Christ's example in doing good, hearts will open to us as they

The moment a child of God cries out for help, Jesus' promise comes true: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."

did to Him. Not abruptly, but with tact born of divine love, we can tell them of Him who is the 'chiefest among ten thousand,' and

the One 'altogether lovely.' This is the very highest work in which we can employ the talent of speech. It was given to us that we might present Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour.*

Have you prayed with someone today? If not, then try it.

I guarantee it will change *your* life. ☺

* Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 338, 339.

From Slavery to COMMANDER IN CHIEF

by Dr. Senez Rodriguez

His name was so meaningful that it made a lasting impression in his life and character. In fact, its root was the same one found in the name of Jesus. Yes, his name was Joshua, sometimes called *Yehoshua*, meaning “the Lord is salvation,” or “Jehovah is generous.”

The Bible does not detail his ancestry. It simply says he was “the son of Nun,” a descendant of the tribe of Ephraim (1 Chronicles 7:1). The fact is that he was born in slavery, and so was his father, his father’s father, and so on.

AWE AND WONDER

Imagine Joshua’s excitement hearing about the two brothers, one of whom had been in the Pharaoh’s palace 40 years earlier. Now he had come to deliver God’s people from bondage. He kept himself abreast of all he could regarding the miracles performed by Moses and Aaron before the Pharaoh and his cabinet.

Joshua was keenly aware of his people’s past, and longed for the time when they would be free. He was in awe when he saw the Red Sea part into columns of water, the seabed dry up, and God between them and Pharaoh’s army. I wonder what he thought that first night as he slept on the desert floor under a starry sky, dreaming of the Promised Land.

A REAL LEADER?

When the time came for his tribe to choose someone to go on a spying mission to Canaan, he was immediately selected as their best candidate; and what a job he did! Upon his return, the report was factually thorough, and with enthusiasm, he and Caleb encouraged the people to enter Canaan and conquer the land. Ellen White described him as “courageous, resolute, and persevering, prompt, incorruptible, unmindful of

As I like to say,
“In life’s journey, what
matters is not how you
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selfish interests in his care for those committed to his charge, and, above all, inspired by a living faith in God.”*

Joshua was humble and faithful to Moses. Forty years of service granted him the honor of being Moses’ successor to lead Israel into Canaan. However, his leadership skills were not sufficient to make him the kind of leader God envisioned. In Joshua 1:2–9, the Lord gave him specific instructions and assurances that, if followed, would make him a real leader. God was on his side, but was Joshua on His?

THE TEST OF LEADERSHIP

In God’s plan there’s no place for complacency, negligence, or self-reliance. He made it clear to Joshua that his success would be contingent on his cooperation and strict obedience to divine author-

ity—the test every leader must pass for Heaven’s approval.

In Joshua 1:8 (NASB), the Lord told his servant, “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”

Wait a second... Joshua, making *his own way prosperous*? Yes! When we trust and render our all to the Lord, following the unambiguous instructions in His “Book of the Law” with no excuses, success is granted us by our heavenly Commander in Chief, our Almighty God, for He is the ultimate source of success.

As I like to say, “In life’s journey, what matters is not how you start, but how you end.” Joshua was born a slave, but ended up as the commander in chief of God’s people. He trusted God and followed Him.

At a time when people do as they please, believe what’s convenient to them, and teach others whatever they want, God says, “Do as I tell you to do,” and “then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”

Dear reader, the choice is yours. Will you do as He says, or will you do as you want? Joshua made the right choice. Will you? ☪



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* Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 481.

Balaam's "Success"

by Dr. R. Dean Davis



Israel is camped on the plains of Moab, across the Jordan from Jericho at Shittim, which literally means “acacia trees.” This is the staging area for the conquest of Canaan.

The Final Rebellion

The time is the end of the forty years of Israel’s wilderness wanderings, and the issue is their tenth and final rebellion. All the previous rebellions in Numbers have involved murmurings against the Lord, Moses, and Aaron. The Israelites have repeatedly provoked the Lord by complaining about food, water, and by not believing the Lord would lead them into Canaan. However, in Numbers 25, their rebellion is unique because it involves the worship of a pagan deity—echoing the worship of the golden calf.



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In Numbers 31, the Bible indicates that the rebellion instigator is Balaam, whom king Balak of Moab hired to curse Israel. After

failing to curse them three times, (and blessing them, instead) he had made the approximate 400-mile journey home. But now, apparently still seeking riches, he returns with the idea of using the women of Moab to lure the Israelites into immorality, and then invite them to participate in a festival of Baal worship!

Harlotry

Our story begins unfolding with the people committing harlotry with the Moabite women. In the ancient Near Eastern context, references to sexual imagery, as this story describes, link this immorality with pagan religious rites of prostitution. Normally the Hebrew verb for committing harlotry is applied to women, but here it is applied to men.

Next, the Moabite women invite the Israelite men to their pagan sacrifices. They participate by eating the sacrificial meal, and even bow down to worship Baal, proclaiming that they are now followers!

The Lord’s grace is finally spent, and He tells Moses to take the leaders involved in Baal worship and execute them. They’re probably hung before the Lord at the tab-

ernacle as a deterrent, so the fierce anger of the Lord (literally, the “reddening of His nose”) may be turned away.

Arrogance

As an act of highest arrogance, a prince of the tribe of Simeon named Zimri strides into the camp with Cozbi, the daughter of a Midianite chieftain. He parades her around in deep disrespect before Moses, the congregation, and as an affront to the Lord.

Suddenly, Aaron’s grandson, Phinehas, takes a javelin and pursues Zimri into his tent, where he impales them both.

This act stops a plague that meanwhile has broken out among the congregation and killed 24,000 men. The number casualties indicates the seriousness of the sin, because it far exceeds any numbers of those who have perished from divine retribution during their wilderness journey.

Israel’s final rebellion completes the death of the old generation that would not enter Canaan at the time of the twelve spies. It is the final object lesson for the new generation of those who were twenty or younger when their parents refused to enter the Promised Land. They are

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to avoid a mixed religion that combines the worship of Yahweh with that of a pagan god.

It is interesting to note that Numbers begins with a census, but now a new one is recorded in the very next chapter. Divine judgment has been fulfilled upon the unbelieving generation.

Final Defeat

Balaam thinks that the great success of his plot to curse Israel through heathen women and the worship of Baal will bring him high rewards. However, his great “success” only brings him final defeat, since the Midianite plot is a declaration of war on Israel and on God!

To show His justice, and to protect His people, the Lord instructs them to kill all the Midianite men—and Balaam dies with them. ☪

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