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No Hospitals in Heaven

ROBERT BOOTH



A few weeks ago I was visiting a gentleman who has been part of the Gospel Center for over thirty years. As we talked, our conversation turned towards his many physical problems that he has encountered over the years. Near the end of our conversation, he said these words, “I am so glad that there won’t be any hospitals in heaven.”

No hospitals in heaven. I never really thought about that before. But then again, I never remember spending a night in the hospital, let alone days or even weeks at a time. The absence of hospitals in heaven is but one reason that my friend longs for the day when his Heavenly Father will call him home.

Why are you awaiting heaven? The writer John said these words on the book of Revelation:

“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.”—Revelation 21:2-5

There will be many things that are absent from heaven. There will be no funeral processions in heaven. Sickness won’t be able to creep in. Death will not be permitted. There will be no hospitals in heaven. The former things will be passed away.

Sin will not have any part of heaven. In Romans, we read that the “wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” As I look around the city where I minister, our nation, and even our world, I see sin everywhere. But in the midst of this despair, I am reminded that the gift of God is eternal life. Let’s get out there and do our best to share this gift of eternal life with these hurting individuals. ■



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STREET EVANGELISM

by Rodney Keister

Our conference was started by aggressive evangelism in the 1930's. It was this kind of outreach that brought God's Missionary Church into existence. God has kindled a burden in my heart to reach the people in our city areas. With a renewal of evangelism outside the church walls, our home missions department can be even more successful in soul winning and church planting.

In the 1900's, tent meetings were an effective method of choice. In the present day, I would find it very difficult to stake down a tent on the streets of our cities. Prayer station evangelism coupled with tracts, Bibles, and sermon CD materials opens doors to witness to people abroad. There have been many lives impacted by the hand of God through the efforts of this new Home Missionary evangelism in populated areas and at community events.

By way of testimony, I remember a recent encounter on the streets of Harrisburg when I took the prayer station there to do an outreach day with Bro. Jeremy Fuller. While standing near the prayer station, I was approached by two ladies for prayer. The one lady, named Ida, was on her way to buy more drugs. She was just released from jail the day before. She testified how that she did so well going to church while in jail; but now that she was back out on the streets, it only took one day before she was using drugs again. Why had she failed so quickly? She said she was doing very well spiritually while in jail, but now the old habits were manifesting again. As I counseled her, I found that she knew

nothing of repentance. The only Christianity she had ever been introduced to was a false gospel of "easy believism" that bypassed repentance. By God's help, I was able to teach her the three principles of real salvation: deep confession, heart-felt repentance, and then biblical faith. My friends, God intervened in such a way on that street by manifesting Himself that this lady prayed through with tears running down her cheeks. She testified with great joy that she had never experienced anything like this before. Her intention to purchase drugs was radically altered by a divine encounter. Does street evangelism work? I say it does! What we need now are spiritual hospitals where these new-born babes can be raised up into strong children of God.

A vision of souls saved, a place to disciple, and a fellowship of saints is what is needed to create an effective growth of new and strengthened churches. Oh that God would raise up people to help in the fight against sin and overcome the power of the enemy on the streets. This is not just a minister's calling, but we need strong lay people to aid in the battle.

It is because of people like Ida that God lead me back in December of 2006 to close down my secular business and launch a new ministry, functioning as a missionary on the streets of our PA cities. Ministering on the streets has been one of the most rewarding ministries I've ever had. God has provided for the ministry needs and my family living expenses as I have concentrated on outreach in our cities and at public events. If you would like to read fresh testimonies and know of current ministry events, please be sure to sign up for my newsletter. To sign up or learn more about Keister's Street Evangelism and Outreach Ministry operating under Home Missions, please visit: <http://GodsMissionary.com> or call me at 484-894-6001.

The ministry God has put on my heart, in addition to pastoring our small Northampton church, is this new street outreach ministry. While my burden is more centrally focused on the Lehigh Valley area of PA (over 1.5 million people), I also visit other cities and help local congregations do outreach events. I visit churches inside and outside of God's Missionary church wherever the Lord opens doors to share about this faith-based ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and support. 📖



Florida District Camp Meeting

PICTORIAL REVIEW

The annual Florida District God's Missionary camp was held January 17 - 27, 2008 on the beautiful grounds of the Sun City campgrounds.

Workers this year included evangelists Rev. Noel Scott and Rev. Rollin Mitchell. The Victory Trio were the song evangelists and also the children's workers. Sister Scott played the organ and the Mitchells did some special singing.

Linda Clough was the head cook, assisted by her brother, John Walter, Jr. and many others who helped in the kitchen. These hard workers prepared and served delicious meals. As usual, Saturday morning breakfast was scrumptious waffles provided by Bro. Carl Kready.

Bro. & Sis. Harry Plank did a tremendous job of directing the camp and making sure everyone was adequately cared for. It was obvious throughout the camp that Bro. Plank's highest priority was that the Holy Spirit would have the right-of-way in every service. Of course, Bro. Plank's sense of humor was seen and appreciated many times.

The Spirit of the Lord came upon many services as people minded God. One person said, "The Spirit didn't come just to visit, He came to stay." Many people said they had not seen a manifestation of the Spirit such as was evident in this camp in many years. One service, the Lord came during the song service and for over an hour, the shouts of victory and songs of praise could be heard as people marched around the tabernacle. Most nights there were seekers at the altar and definite victories were realized and much help was gained.

It was great to experience the unity among the camp crowd and the friendliness that was shown. People attended from many different states as well as a good representation from the Florida churches.

So, to sum it all up, beautiful weather, good workers, friendly people, and, most of all, God's Spirit combined to make the Sun City Camp this year a wonderful blessing to all. ■ —submitted by Darvin & Dorothy Donahey





THE OPEN WINDOW

REV. DAVID WISE



One of the greatest evidences of the Divine inspiration of the Bible is that the human race is portrayed in such an unfavorable light. From Genesis to Revelation, the blackness of man's heart and the desperate nature of his deeds are set before the reader with no attempt to sugarcoat the actions or excuse the sinful practices. The argument has been made that if man wrote the Bible, our race would not appear to be as hopeless as the Holy Scriptures make us out to be. Even the great men found within the pages of the sacred text are not able to escape the fact that their sins and failings have been recorded for future generations. The portraits of their lives are not false images crafted to hide the blemishes and spots. They are rather brutally honest portrayals that reveal their heroism, faith, and love for God, while, at the same time, not forgetting to mention the sins that needed to be confessed and forsaken. Moses' temper, David's adultery, Peter's cowardice, Noah's drunkenness, and Abraham's "white lies" are not hidden from the view of even the most casual reader. In fact, there are very few heroes of the faith who figure prominently in the word of God that do not have anything negative placed to their account. One of these rare, blameless souls would be the exceptional prime minister of the Babylonian and Persian empires, the man known to Bible readers the world over as Daniel.

To the question "Have you ever broken God's law?", every honest soul must answer with the ancient king of Israel, "I have sinned". We know that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" and that "all" includes even the noble-hearted Daniel. Whatever his breaches of the divine law were, we don't know them and the Holy Ghost has left us no record of the man but that of a victorious life where he was

"more than a conqueror" no matter what the circumstances were. At numerous points in his life, he was faced with situations that could have easily resulted in death because of his unswerving loyalty to Jehovah. Whether it was in his teenage years when he purposed in his heart not to defile himself or when, as a very old man, he decided to practice "civil disobedience" and seek the God of his fathers as he had always done, Daniel was never far from laying down his life for the cause of truth. What makes this all the more amazing is that he was a man of tremendous power and influence who lived such a pure life in the midst of a heathen court and heathen kings that, when they weren't threatening him with death, were showering him with praise and privileges. The fact that he wasn't corrupted by his office shows that Daniel learned the lesson of the "open window" long before he was arrested for praying near it.

If the Babylonians had not descended to such a level of moral and military weakness, we would probably never have had the opportunity to know of the lion's den that proved to be the final scene of greatness in an extraordinary life. The Persian's conquest ended Daniel's plans for a peaceful retirement and the chance to relax in his remaining years. He had been put on the political shelf by the infantile Belshazzar and was only summoned as a last resort. That night, a political upheaval took place; Belshazzar went to his reward; the Persians were the new champions of the world; and Daniel was called out of retirement and placed at the right hand of Darius the Persian monarch. A man who seeks for positions of honor and power is restless until he attains such a spot. Once accustomed to that level of authority, this type of man is even more restless in his attempts to maintain his position of promi-



nence. Daniel was not driven by ambition or a thirst for power. He craved intimacy with God rather than authority over men. As a young man, Daniel learned the secret of the “crucified life” and was dead to everything but the will of God. While many initially enter into an experience of being crucified with Christ, there is an art to maintaining such a relationship. In using New Testament language to describe the spiritual experience of an Old Testament character, it is clear that Daniel did have his own “Pentecost” where his heart was made pure and single. In addition to this, he also learned to seek his God on a daily basis so that, when the trials of life came, his decision had already been made.

The habits of a strong devotional life are not formed overnight. There is much trial and error and much learning in the school of God. One must learn that we go to prayer not because we necessarily “feel” like praying, but because it

is one of our duties as a Christian and it will strengthen us in our conflict with the enemy of our souls. After prayer has begun, there is the point where the feelings “kick in” and prayer becomes a delight. However, our loving Heavenly Father knows what we need and He will supply the blessings when necessary. We do not know how Daniel learned the fine art of a strong and disciplined prayer life. Was there a godly grandmother who set an example for him that he never forgot? Did he have an older brother that mentored him in the things of God? The Scriptures are silent on these matters; but one thing is clear, Daniel, at some point in his life, purposed in his heart that he would be a man of prayer. The cares that came upon him because of his enormous responsibilities never caused him to waver from his soldier-like devotion to his set times of prayer. The open window, with sneaky and ambitious politicians lurking around on the outside, straining to hear the earnest supplications offered to the Triune God, was also a silent witness to the multitude of prayers that had gone forth with no one else present but Daniel himself. By the time of this last and greatest trial of his life, Daniel was too much of a “Methodist” in his seeking after God to be deterred from his daily trusts with the Almighty.

One of the reasons Daniel faced so much opposition was that his sense of justice interfered with the organized corruption that was a way of life in the government of that day and, unfortunately, is still an albatross around the neck of even the most elevated form of government in our day. When the other high-

ranking officials recognized that Daniel was not for sale and could not be brought around to their way of thinking, the decision was made that he had to be taken out of the way. A man with his intelligence and sense of discernment must have realized that trouble was brewing. Yet, in the midst of it all, he maintained an excellent spirit. There was no call for vengeance. There was no attempt to “get them” before they struck at him. There was not even an angry speech to the king about corrupt politicians. Instead, Daniel retreated to his chamber and called upon the God of his fathers as he had done so many times before. Though he sensed the incredible injustice of the whole affair, he had learned to do his very best and then leave things in the hands of the One who “doeth all things well”. In the midst of our pagan society where iniquity is promoted at every turn, we would do well to follow his example of righteous living and confidence in the justice of Almighty God.

The followers of the Lord are admonished in the Holy Scriptures to be “strong and of good courage”. There is no room for cowardice in the army of the Lord when grace has been promised to make even the most feeble and weak among us a testimony of God’s enabling power. The word of God has much to say about the consequences of not allowing the grace of God to have absolute sway in eradicating our man-fearing spirit. However, there is a type of boldness that borders on harshness and seems a close cousin to prideful boasting. This breed of boldness is not the recommended type. Young converts who are “on fire for God” learn the hard way sometimes that the Christian life is a balance of various spiritual virtues and that one must not dominate over the rest in a sanctified soul. Daniel must have known that he had eavesdroppers outside his window that day. The implications of what was taking place while he was in the midst of prayer must have caused a sinking feeling to pervade his entire being. Yet Daniel did not pray “at them”, lecture them, or even call for the vengeance of Jehovah upon them. He ignored them and continued to commune with his Lord. The fact that the window was open that day, as it had been every other day, is testimony enough to the courage of Daniel. His boldness had not a trace of self in it and there must have been a graciousness about the man that caused even stubborn hearts to reflect on the power of his God. His Christ-like spirit was the embodiment of all the Christian virtues and prompted even

heathen kings to take note of his “excellent spirit”. The testimony of a life lived solely for the glory of God in the midst of high-level corruption and pride speaks to us today. If it was possible in Daniel’s time, surely we Christians can shine as beacons of light in this evil generation. The open window did not cause Daniel to be arrested. Rather, it stands as a symbol of one man’s intense desire to love God with “a pure heart fervently” in even the darkest of circumstances. ■

THE TESTIMONY OF A LIFE LIVED
SOLELY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE
MIDST OF HIGH-LEVEL CORRUPTION AND
PRIDE SPEAKS TO US TODAY.

THE DUKES OF EDOM

BY JEREMY FULLER

These are the dukes of Edom. — I Chronicles 1:54

The average Bible reader is quick to confess that the genealogies of Scripture are often a stumbling block to their otherwise meaningful moments of meditation. For instance, suppose that yesterday you read the last chapter of II Kings. There's war and blood! There's famine and fire! There's tears and terror! I mean the passage is raw with the most excruciating of human emotions.

There is King Zedekiah, the last of the twenty kings of Judah. He's chased down like a wild animal. He's chained and dragged to Nebuchadnezzar's Syrian headquarters where his captors with incensed rage mercilessly murder his boys before his very eyes. Then to ensure a perpetual state of misery for their helpless prey, these Chaldean warriors gouge out the eyes of Zedekiah. The last visible images seared on to the mind of this tormented father are the panic-stricken faces of his screaming sons and the horrific scenes of their bloodshed!

That was yesterday! Today you open your Bible to the first chapter of I Chronicles and run into a brick wall of un-pronounceable (and in many cases, meaningless) names. Here, especially, young people get bogged down in the mire of misunderstanding. They say things like, "I don't understand it." What they really mean is, "This is boring!" Since it is virtually impossible to excite any creative or imaginative action in the mind while you are simultaneously waving the white flag of surrender to boredom, you "speed read". That's another way of saying you get absolutely nothing out of your Bible reading that day. Unfortunately, you probably won't for the next eight days because the first nine chapters of I Chronicles are mostly filled with

genealogical information.

Of course, there are a lot of practical ways one may limp along during these seasons of what we have too often accepted as "Bible Drought". For example, you may use a devotional book as a companion (not a substitute) to your regular Bible reading which I highly recommend. However, I want to suggest that there is another alternative to reading through these dead, dry records of Adam's descendants. There is, without question, another perspective; and, if you will embrace it, you will never read through the Bible genealogies quite the same.

First, remember that the New Testament adamantly declares that, "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable... (II Timothy 3:16)." That includes the genealogies! Granted that some parts of Scripture may be more profitable than others, I want to attest that the genealogies of Scripture are worthy of more esteem than they are often given.

There is a mountain of evidence to support the profitableness of the genealogical passages, and I cannot provide an exhaustive catalog here. Just consider one thought as I endeavor to raise your respect for these inspired lists of neglected names. How in the world would we have come to any accurate conclusions about the age of planet earth and the human family if we did not have the genealogies to aid our computation? For this reason and many others, we acknowledge the wisdom of God in the inclusion of these sacred lists of names in the Bible.

Second, you must learn to ask yourself questions as you read God's Word. As an example, let us consider the dukes of Edom. The first obvious question is: "Who is Edom?" Here is where a good Bible dictionary is

important. Edom means Red. It was another name for Esau, who was the eldest son of the patriarch Isaac. The reason for this nickname was two-fold. First, it was appropriate because of Esau's natural skin complexion. Genesis 25:25 states that, "... the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau." Secondly, and more significantly, Esau was nicknamed Edom because of the infamous bowl of soup for which he traded his birthright. Genesis 25:30 says, "And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom." So, we may safely conclude that these dukes were the sons of Esau. Furthermore, there is a certain stigma that they were obviously not able to shake off, and that is why they are here called the dukes of Edom instead of the dukes of Esau.

Third, you must assume the role of a Bible detective. Often genealogical passages seem meaningless to us because of our failure to assume the role of a detective. A good FBI agent is constantly searching for clues as he seeks to unravel the mystery of the case before him. Likewise, when you sit down with the Bible open to a list of "begats" you must assume the role of a Bible detective, which, by the way, can be very exciting!

One of the clues in this passage is the word "dukes". The word duke in the English dictionary means a high ranking nobleman. In the context of the Hebrew language, it never indicates a position of complete authority. From the Bible perspective, it is very interesting to find that the word duke appears in Scripture solely before the names of Esau's sons, never Jacob's sons. That seems very significant to me!

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World Missions Update

DWIGHT RINE, DIRECTOR

Greetings from the World Missions Department! Praise the Lord! We have nearly reached our self-denial offering goal of \$40,000. We are right now at \$39,634. To God be the glory, great things He hath done. I was so excited when I received the total for the self-denial offering from our good treasurer Bro. Alan Walter. It is so amazing to see what can be accomplished when we all work together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Our wonderful people truly sacrificed in the interest of others around the world.

Bro. Mobley is very excited about getting the new vehicle there in Haiti. We are currently waiting for the

dealership to get us the truck we are purchasing. Please pray all the details will soon be worked out. We are also looking forward to helping our work in Miami install some much-needed air-conditioning. Our work in Donna, Texas is in desperate need of a new driveway and we plan to assist them with this project as well.

Thanks again to all of you pastors who made this offering a priority. We have all invested together in the salvation of many souls around the World. God bless you all! ■

—Dwight Rine, World Missions Director

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Much, much more could be written about the dukes of Edom, but let me draw to a conclusion and make my point. Having followed the three simple steps that I have heretofore outlined, we see firsthand how the dark shadow of Esau's sin engulfed his children. Though they achieved the honor due a duke, they knew nothing of the honor due a king like King David or King Josiah. If you read between the lines, I believe you may hear God sadly say, "The dukes of Edom never reached their potential." "They never altered the course of history like Joseph or the destiny of a nation like Moses."

There they are! Nearly a dozen dukes of Edom stretched out like a long line of empty and broken sea shells almost buried under the sands of forgotten history. What a testimony! So, tomorrow when you open your Bible to that long list of genealogies, remember the Dukes of Edom and ask the question, "What is God saying to me?" ■

Quilters With A Mission BY LINDA PAULUS

Recently I met with some of the ladies involved in the quilt making project. Sis. Dorcas Kratz had started the ball rolling with Jewels for Jesus several years ago and since that time these ladies and others have literally put together hundreds of quilts. When Sis. Kratz moved out of the area, she asked if I could give that "ball" a little push now and then. Since I didn't even know where the "ball" was, phone calls were made and a little appreciation lunch was given to those who were able to fit it into their schedule on short notice. Not only was this a time to give appreciation, but it was also a fact-finding mission.

What I found were some ladies very excited about being able to use their talents for the Lord. Years ago, God asked Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" These ladies know and are using their strengths for God's glory. Some ladies donate materials that have been gathering dust for years; others cut squares; some piece them together; some sew tops to bottoms (not a very technical way to describe it!); and others simply knot. We even have one lady, Lori Rich, who has volunteered to store quilt-makings or finished quilts at her home!

Fran Stroup has made kimono and diaper sets to give out at clinics overseas. She is interested in learning how to join the quilting team.

Margretta Gessner seemed to be the professional, but you could not tell it by her humble demeanor! However, when asked a question about quilting, her answer was clearly knowledgeable.

Dora Spade even had a measuring tape in her purse. When we needed to measure one of the quilts that was presented, she clearly showed her knowledge of such matters.

Thelma Rine seemed to be the "driving force" behind the quilters. Not only was she willing to do whatever, but she was a very good cheerleader. It was easy to see that her heart is in what is going on. The more we can do, the better.

Many of the ladies that were called and could not come due to previous engagements clearly showed their desire to be involved in whatever happens in the future with the quilters!

Another thing I found was that these ladies were not just throwing something together; they were doing their very best to make these the nicest quilts. As these quilts make their way around the world to keep people warm, I hope those who receive them, feel the warmth of the love and concern of the ladies that made them! ■

The Standard Pulpit

SERMON THOUGHTS FROM GMC MINISTERS PAST AND PRESENT

Jesus; the Light of the World *John 8:12*

BY PHILIP BRENIZER



A light that is piercing.

Pierced the sin of the world...When this world seems out of control, Christ provides order in the midst of chaos.

Pierced the darkness within the hearts and minds of man. The light brings hope when there appears to be no hope.

Pierced the strongholds of Satan and brought them down. Paul reminds us our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds ... (2 Cor. 10:4)

A light that is perfect.

Perfect in nature—unstained by the world

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (KJV) 2 Cor 5:21

Perfect sacrifice—*“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot...” (I Peter 1:19) KJV*

A light that is powerful.

Breaks the bondage of sin.

Erases the debt of sin. When the load and guilt of sin becomes so large, there is deliverance through Christ. Paul states, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...” (Rom. 8:1a)*


“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” (Ps. 103:12)

A light that is peaceful.

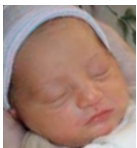
Peace for the mind (Isa 26:2)
Peace not as the world gives (John 14:27)
Peace that passes all understanding (Phil 4:7)

A light that is pointing. (John 14:6)

Provides direction in life. One need not stumble through life without purpose and meaning, Christ is the way the truth and the life...

Provides direction for eternity. This light points the way to heaven. It shines all the way to heaven’s gates. 

New Arrivals



Congratulations to Miguel & Elisabeth Giron of Lebanon GMC on the birth of Camden Paul. Camden was born on November 1.



Congratulations to Andrew & Kara Plank of New Columbia GMC, on the birth of Clayton Andrew. Clayton was born on January 27.



Congratulations to Crystal Reigert of the Gospel Center on the birth of Charlie James. Charlie was born on January 27.



Congratulations to Doug and Sarah Rine of Beavertown GMC, on the birth of Cayden James. Cayden was born on January 27.

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Travel Notes

HARRY F. PLANK

Sunday, Dec. 2: We attended the Beavertown Church to enjoy our grandchildren's Christmas Program.

Monday, Dec. 3: Our family went to the Lewisburg Armory for an official ceremony of the Army National Guard. This marks the beginning of a one-year deployment for a few hundred men from the Susquehanna Valley, including our son Andrew and Josh Hubble from the New Columbia Church. There will be weeks of training in Ft. Bragg, NC, then they will spend several months in Afghanistan.

Thursday, Dec. 6: The Christmas Banquet for Penn View's staff members. It was a lovely evening and a wonderful ham dinner prepared by the Rev. & Mrs. Van Dorman.

Friday, Dec. 7: We traveled to Coopersburg where I preached at a Youth Rally. Rachel and I always have a touch of nostalgia when we have the opportunity to attend this church, our first God's Missionary pastorate.

Saturday, Dec. 8: We made a quick visit to my parents in Tioga county. On our way home, we stopped in Welsboro at the Blowers home to help celebrate his 80th birthday. We traveled on home and attended the Penn View Christmas Concert in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle. Thanks to each of you who contributed to the concert offering. This is divided in many ways to make up the Christmas bonus for each of the staff members.

Monday, Dec. 10: I spent part of the day at the Williamsport hospital with the David Blowers family, while he underwent back surgery.

Saturday, Dec. 15: The Missionary Youth Crusaders met this morning for a board meeting and enjoyed a nice breakfast in Mifflinburg, thanks to Youth Director, Rev. Jeremy Fuller.

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 20 & 21: We traveled to the state of Indiana to attend the viewing of Jerry Shipman, the father-in-law of World Mission's director, Rev. Dwight Rine.

Saturday, Dec. 29: Rachel and I made our way to Bethlehem, PA to visit Treva Walter.

She was in critical condition due to complications resulting from an emergency surgery. The doctor was giving the family little hope for her recovery. It has been very traumatic for the Walters, bringing back sad memories from just one year ago when Treva's mother was in about the same condition. Sis. Thelma Walter passed away January 7, 2007.

Sunday, Dec. 30: We spent the day at the Blue Knob Church. We enjoyed a wonderful Sunday dinner with the Helsel family. There were many tears, as we bid an emotional farewell to Rev. Don Mobley. He was scheduled to leave this, his home church, the following day or so, to return to his beloved people in the country of Haiti. It was a mild winter day for the Blue Knob area, until during the evening service when the snow started falling. We are thankful for (although very slow) a safe trip home through beautiful winter wonderland.

Monday, Dec. 31: I made another visit to the Muellenburg Hospital in Bethlehem where Treva was still in very critical condition and also to be with her father, Rev. John Walter.

Thursday, Jan. 3: I conducted a General Board Meeting in the conference room.

Friday, Jan 4: I went to my appointment at the cardiologist, where he promptly put me through several blood tests, and had me fill out many papers in preparation for a heart catheterization.

Monday, Jan 7: I spent the entire day at the Williamsport hospital. I am very thankful. Heart catheterization results showed that blockages were minimal. The doctor's diagnosis is that my blood pressure problems can be treated with medication.

Tuesday, Jan. 8: Although feeling a little weak after my ordeal yesterday, I attended the World Mission's Board meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 9: The Home Missions board met in Sunbury where we concluded at Hoss's Restaurant for a nice lunch with our wives.

Thursday, Jan. 10: A few of the General Board members met with Rev. Figen Ergun


concerning approval to carry a conference license with God's Missionary Church. We then made preparation to travel to Baltimore. Thank the Lord for some friends who stopped in just in time to help us with loading our luggage and a few other last minute chores. Doctor's orders are for me not to lift more than 10 pounds this week.

Friday, Jan. 11: We had a nice flight to Southern Florida, ate lunch with my wife's sister, and then enjoyed the afternoon and evening with the Cancio's in Miami.

Sunday, Jan. 13: We attended the Hobe Sound Bible Church in the morning and enjoyed a lovely dinner with Bill and Naomi Tillis. In the afternoon, we made a visit to Sis. Ethel Mays in the Jupiter hospital and then attended a revival service with the Victory Trio and Pastor Glenn Halstead at Wesley Chapel in the evening.

Monday, Jan. 14: After a lovely visit and wonderful breakfast, thanks to Rev. & Mrs. Jacob Miller, we traveled on to Sun City to prepare for camp meeting.

Jan 15-16: We worked at getting the camp grounds ready, painting and cleaning, along with several others who were already at camp. The new caretakers, Rev. & Mrs. John Gandee, already had many things looking real nice.

Jan 17-27: The Lord gave us a wonderful camp meeting with many seekers at the altar, "bulging" dormitories, weekends with a good number of young people, and several children for the daily VBS. The evangelists were Rev. Noel Scott and Rev. Rolland Mitchell. The Victory Trio were the singers and children's workers. Thank you, Bro. & Sis. Gandee, for your patience with wall-to-wall people (almost literally at times) in your home during camp meeting. Thank you to Linda Clough and helpers, for all the good meals. A sincere thank you to our Florida district pastors for standing by the camp and encouraging your parishioners to come. A special thank you to Stanley Fink for his great contribution with the installation of the new central air conditioning units. 

important dates to remember

Inter-Church
Holiness Convention
Dayton, Ohio
April 15-17

General Conference
of God's
Missionary Church
July 24-25

Penns Creek Camp
July 25 -
August 3

God's Missionary
Youth Camp
June 16-20

Fellowship Camp
Hanover, Pennsylvania
June 27-July 6

Mount of
Blessings Camp
June 27-July 6

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