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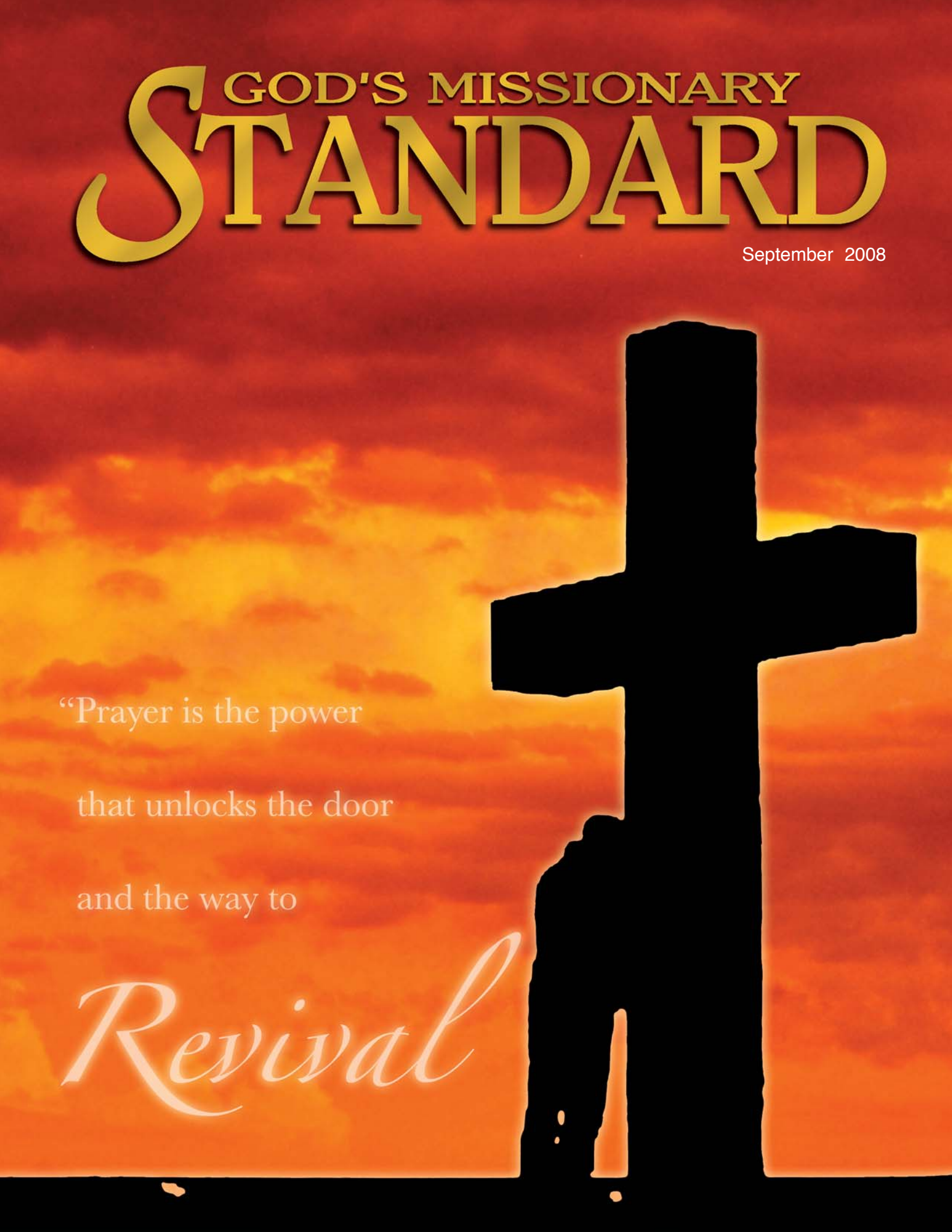

Glory Days

ROBERT BOOTH

I have a fascination with history. These past eight years that my wife and I have been married,we have been to many graveyards where we have paid our respects to Presidents, Methodist bishops, circuit-riding preachers, and heroes of our great country.

I have read countless books and accounts about the glory days of the Holiness movement. A few weeks ago, I stood once again in the tabernacle at Clinton Camp Meeting, that my great-grandfather started. It was there that I gave my heart to God. My heritage is rooted deep in the Conservative Holiness Movement and, for that, I am grateful.

I have heard about the glory days all of my life. My parents, grandparents, and uncle have told me accounts of occasions when the power of God was manifested time and time again. I long for those days. I want my family to experience the power of God in such a way that they will never be the same.

While I long for those days, I must confess that I sometimes grow weary of hearing about them. God is still the same. And if He hasn't changed, who has? The answer is pretty obvious. We have. We lack the power that once characterized the Conservative Holiness Movement. We lack the dedication to dedicated prayer. Please understand, I am not attacking; I am just stating the obvious.

If we are to reclaim the power of God that you and I so desperately desire, there are several things we must do.

Be willing to give our all to God. Don't hold anything back. Christ wants our all, including those things we are afraid to give Him.

We need to search ourselves and make sure that there is nothing between us and God.

We also need to make sure that everything is clear between us and our fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Make prayer a priority. We don't need prayer meetings that last seven to ten minutes. We need to be willing to sacrifice our time and pour it on. We need intercessors. We need to make prayer an absolute priority. I think that we have become too busy. The culture that we are part of is fast paced. Technology allows us to remain connected at all times. All of this adds up to a busy life. I have read accounts, and so have you, of our forefathers who maintained a vibrant prayer-life. That was their secret! When we are willing to give up ourselves and give all to God, He honors that.

I long for the glory days. But, I believe with all of my heart the best days can be ahead of us if we are willing to do the work.

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Conditions of Revival

by H. Robb French

It is extremely significant to note that the great revivals of more modern times have been preceded and accompanied by an earnest spirit of fasting and praying on the part of God's people. There was a noticeable absence of fanfare and high-powered advertising, which we fear often serves as a cheap and easy substitute for the price to be paid for a true spiritual awakening.

Evan Roberts prayed so much and so earnestly for a revival that it is said his landlady turned him out, thinking he had lost his mind. Hundreds of prayer meeting, some of them lasting all night sprang up all over Wales, and in this wake came a mighty revival..

Finney, again, and again, and again stressed the fact that the revivals of his day came in answer to a great volume of earnest believing prayer. Father Nash and Abel Clary became leading spirits in this ministry of intercession and soul-travail.

Jonathan Goforth prayed so fervently for a revival in China that some feared he was going insane.

"Praying Hyde" and two others prayed for twenty-one days and nights, eating and sleeping but little, and God answered by sending that great Sialkot convention and the subsequent revival.

A number of instances might be referred to in our own day when groups of people have banded together to pray till revival came, whether it took ten hours, ten days or ten years, and God has graciously answered prayer. The Lord made good unto them the words of the promise: "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him?"

But such instances are all too infrequent and too far between. Evidently we like to eat and sleep too well, or we are just too lazy! It is so much easier and quicker to precipitate a human stir by human methods than to pay the price for a Holy Ghost revival.

In the next place, it is vitally important to note another fulfilled condition of these far-reaching revivals, namely: a spirit of deep humility and penitence on the part of God's people. In the Welsh Revival the general cry was, "Lord, bend me!"

John Hyde was sorely distressed because the great outpourings of the Holy Ghost were not occurring on his field of labor. He came to the inevitable conclusion that only one thing could prevent it, and that was sin in the church." "Since I am a part of the church," he reasoned, "there must be sin in me." He arose and humbly confessed in his life some point of defeat, of long standing. A spirit of contrition seized a number of others, who proceeded to make confessions and adjustments, and the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that followed is now a well-known matter of history.

Mr. Goforth declared. "We cannot too strongly emphasize our conviction that all hindrance in the church is due to sin." He further said: "Restless and discontented, I was led to a more intensive study of the Scriptures. The test, 'Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberedest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.' (Matt. 5: 23,24) came with great emphasis to my heart."

He then further states how there had been a difficulty between himself and another missionary, but that it was supposed to have been settled. As he earnestly prayed for revival, while insisting that all was clear, the Lord seemed to say to him, "You hypocrite, you know you do not treat one another as brethren!"

All these revivals came as the result of the church and church leaders humbling themselves in the dust of humility and making the necessary confessions and adjustments, to clear the channel.

My first visit to Haiti

by Rachel Plank

For 38 years I have listened to people like Bonnie Cleaver, Beverly Wing, Miriam Kratz, Bonnie Williams, and many others tell about the people and places in the country of Haiti. They told us of Bro. Luey who found the Lord after losing an arm to a shark bite. He has worked in the Bible School at headquarters for many years now. They told us of Carmen, a very frail, thin lady who got saved from a witch doctor's yard. She and her two sons now are serving the Lord and faithful to the church. More recently, we have been hearing from our new Missions Director about work groups from Lebanon, Blue Knob and other congregations going to help build the new church for the people at Boyer in Haiti. And then, many times I have thought how I would love to meet the national pastors' wives. It finally happened something like this:

On Monday, June 2, 2008 GMC Missions Director Dwight Rine, Harry, and I met with David and Faith Blowers at the Miami airport where we boarded our flight to Port-Au- Prince, Haiti. Thankfully, we had very little trouble getting through the various checkpoints. Our luggage, loaded with canned meat, car parts, computer parts, etc. was waved on through without a problem. We then found Don Mobley and Samuel (a young Haitian man) waiting to transport us in the lovely new truck. I will forever be grateful to every person who gave money for that new truck! I can't fathom trying to negotiate through Port-Au-Prince traffic and over rough Haitian mountain roads with a vehicle that is not dependable! As the guys loaded our luggage into the caged-in back of the new truck, there were people on the other side of the fence sticking their hands through the wire saying things like, "pastor", " missionary", "momma", "dollars".

Not knowing what to expect next, we couldn't get into the truck soon enough!

What a ride! The streets were unbelievably rough. Many places were as rough as driving up a stairway or worse and sometimes only three wheels were on the road. There were open filthy sewer trenches on the main streets in town. The streets were lined with hundreds of huts, shacks, shops, and stands where people sell their wares. This was combined with piles of filthy, muddy, sewage-infested trash, sometimes with goats walking around or pigs laying in it. Thousands of people were walking everywhere, weaving in and out of traffic, with vehicles cutting in on every side. Very few intersections even have a stop sign. Thankfully, city traffic travels pretty slow. There were always lots of people carrying things on their heads: buckets, flats of eggs, bags of rice (if ladies have a purse, sometimes they carry that on their head too). Most of the people dress surprisingly nice. Ninety percent of the ladies wear dresses. Only a few wear slacks.

We traveled city streets the entire hour and a half ride to the God's Missionary Headquarters at Carrefour. Upon arrival, one of "Bro. Mobley's boys" met us and opened the gate so we could drive into the headquarters property. It consists of four main buildings surrounded by a high cement wall. There is a church, Bible School, and two buildings side by side that provide three apartments and a two-car garage. All five of us stayed in a simple, but adequate, second-floor apartment. I couldn't help but feel respect and honor for those who had gone before. It is obvious that there have been many years, many work groups, and many hours of labor, sweat, and tears put into the headquarters mission station.

Bro. Mobley allows some of the young men to live with him in his two-bedroom apartment while attending Bible School. His living room is turned into a guy's dorm. What patience and dedication he has, as he tries to make sure that each one learns a trade so that they can support themselves, but he also teaches them how to cook, clean, and even sew. He has daily Bible study and prayer with them. Bro. Don Mobley and the boys did a great job of being our hosts during our entire stay.

Each morning, we woke at 5:00 A.M. or so, to very bright sunlight, roosters crowing, and people walking past our window with baskets of things for sale on their heads, announcing their wares as they went.

Each time we made our way to the next building for meals, to church, or to load into the truck, we walked through the yard of Pastor Maxum and family. Hadassa age 4 or 5 and Joshua age 7 or 8 always had lots of smiles and hugs for us each time we passed by. Maxum, and his wife Emma, also teach in the Bible School. Harry was honored to speak at the Bible School's 2008 graduation, held at Bro. Luey's church. The graduation was on June 6th, our 39th wedding anniversary. A special thanks to Son Son, one of Bro. Mobley's boys, who made a beautifully decorated cake for us.

While in Haiti, we were privileged to visit several of our churches and schools, four of them being in the Carrefour area. Some of the services were at the headquarters church where we did indeed meet Carmen and her sons. It was a joy to see her sons glow with pride and respect as Carmen testified how she was saved from a witch doctor's yard.

One of the churches we visited was at Boyer, where the new church was recently built. We all packed into the new truck for the two and one half hour ride, and was it ever a ride! We got a little nervous about the trip, when Bro. Mobley and Bro. Rine kept looking at each other in concern about the onset of rain. We had come so far—should we continue? We did continue to travel over roads that I thought no vehicle should travel! I begged for them to stop the truck and let me out. I would have preferred to walk in several of the places. Since it was so deep with mud, it was recommended that I remain in the truck: so I endured, and

survived the ride. I have heard of bad mountain roads on mission fields, but had no idea that it would really be this bad! One of our passengers said, "Why in the world did you build a church way up here?" The answer was, "Because there are hundreds of people who live up here!" After we finally arrived, I could have cried, as these precious people started coming out to meet us. We waited for the pouring rain to let up a little, and then walked up to the little home of Pastor Francois Letoine. Our group then walked over to their school where nearly a hundred children were having class. They sang to us and we gave them each candy and then walked on down the muddy road to the beautiful, newly-built church. Some of us decided it would be a good idea to find a rest room before traveling the long rough ride home. We didn't realize how complicated it would be. We

On Thursday, we made a visit to Mom Gibson's Children's Home. This trip took us over the new and improved road up Goat Mountain and through the town of Mirebalais. From high on Goat Mountain it was a beautiful view of the countryside where we could see the border of the Dominican Republic.

On Sunday morning, we drove the two hour ride to the Leogane church for the morning service. This brought back lots of memories such as Sis. Cleaver's answer to prayer for a good water supply when God gave an artesian well. It still gives all the needed water for the mission station and runs day and night to provide for the whole town. I still remember the service at Mount of Blessings camp meeting where God called Miriam Kratz to go to this mission station and be a helper to Bonnie Cleaver. We were not privileged to be

two ladies were told to follow this "cute", little, old, withered-up man. He would show us where there is a restroom. He took us up into a small circle of houses, others sent a teenage boy down the road to another home to fetch some toilet tissue for us. Pastor Francois made haste and went before us. When we arrived at the little outhouse, it had to be unlocked with a key. The other problem was, that it was down a very steep embankment. So steep that Pastor Francois got down about half way to the toilet and we held on to both of his hands to make the descent. As I entered the little building I was a little concerned about the crowd that had gathered outside. "Could they see between the boards?" I wondered. I found a worse dilemma when I realized that the back of the building had a picture window sized opening. The "sitting" place though, was made so that one could choose a view in any direction. The perfect deer stand! As I held onto Pastor Francois hands to climb back out of the embankment, the whole situation made me think, maybe I could write a book entitled, "It Took a Village!"

with Pastor Wilner and his family on this day because he was with his brother who was almost murdered the night before.

As I contemplate this, my first trip to Haiti, I am awed as I realize the tremendous investment our missionaries, missions directors, and work teams have made here. We are indebted to the people who have sacrificed and supported financially, but the God's Missionary World Missions Department's most urgent and desperate need is to have your faithful, daily prayer support. We must pray that each service will be blessed with God's presence to convict the sinner and encourage the saint. Prayer is needed for protection every day, for spiritual and physical health, and for wisdom to lead the national pastors in the way that they should go.

It was late morning, on June 9th, when we five "spoiled Americans" piled our luggage in the back of the truck and made our way back to the Port-Au-Prince airport. We were anxious to return to our families, air conditioning, ice cream and temperature-controlled showers; but we left part of our hearts behind with those precious Haitian people.

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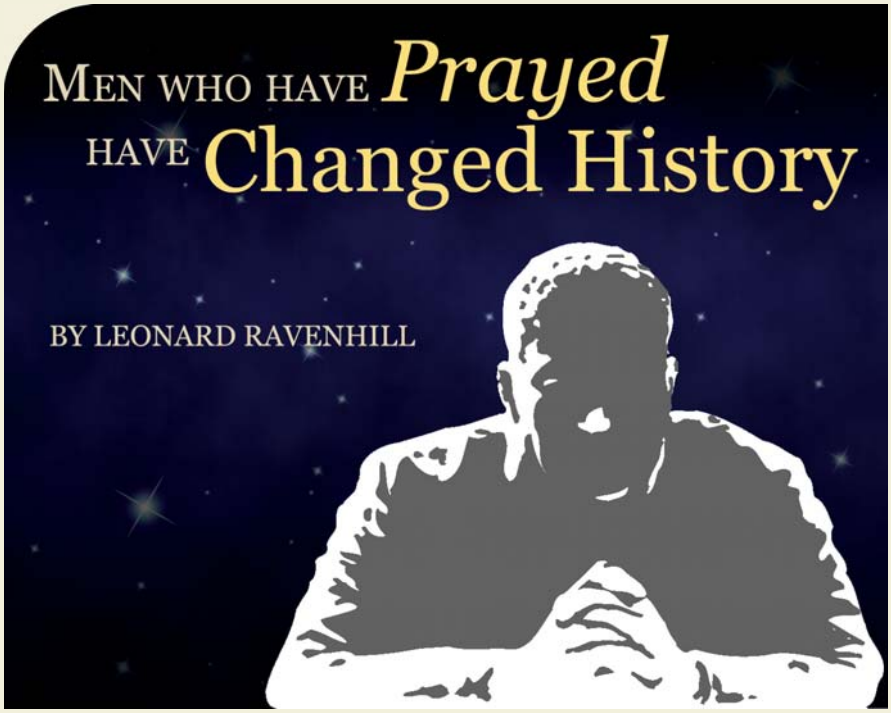
Men who have *Prayed* have Changed History

BY LEONARD RAVENHILL



These men have not staggered at the promises of God. These are men who laughed at impossibilities and cried, "It shall be done!" Do we laugh at the impossibilities or do we find them a good reason for quitting? Do we cry, "It shall be done" or do we just cry?

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2,

What a prayer! It breathes confidence and sparkles with assurance. Read it carefully. This is a great test. How many of us could welcome physical health comparable to the health of our souls?

In this day of wonder-drugs and "shots," some would settle for capsule Christianity. There is none. The "Hill Difficulty" as Bunyan put it, still is without escalator or elevator. Soul health is vital to individual progress and the Church's corporate conquest. Of the saints of old one wrote — "They climbed the steep ascent to Heaven, through peril, toil and pain."

Indeed, that was the way the Master went. Should not the servant tread it still?

Many are the diseases the soul can know. Spiritual polio is infinitely worse than its physical counterpart. Cataracts can grow on spiritual eyes too. Soul sickness causes blurred vision and reduced action. Satan schemes to sap vitality.

Only the soul in full spiritual health prays. Prayer demands strength of the soul and body. Weaklings cannot be warriors. Prayer demands stamina as spiritual equipment so as to stand long hours of siege on satanic strongholds.

Prayer leads to faith, faith to vision, vision to action, and action on to suffering for righteousness' sake. At what stage have we stopped?

Modern evangelism and true revival

With all clarity I say that I feel evangelism as we know it today is nearly at the end of the road. Where, Oh where, is revival? Who will sow in tears that he, or others, may reap in joy? Who will wed his soul to grief? Who will hide in the prayer closet, and travail until revival is brought to birth?

The Good is often enemy to the Best

Revival is costly. The crowds are great. The stirring is well-reported. The converts are many. But, - and it is terrible but, - the abiding fruit is disastrously meager. As Americans say, "I am sticking my neck out" here, but say it I must,—Modern evangelism is the enemy of true revival.

Duncan Campbell, the Scotch preacher whom God has used to prepare the way for true revival, told me that backsliding is almost unknown in the Hebrides, whereas shallow evangelism leaves a sickening blight of backsliding.

In modern evangelism, the birth-pangs of spiritual travail are missing. In spiritual as well as the natural birth, there must be travail to bring forth.

To get prayer answered, we must know the Lord and love and obey His Word. If we heed not God's Word, He will not heed our prayers. "If a man love me, he will keep My words." –John 14:23.

"We had better do no praying at all, than do little praying." So said E. M. Bounds. Prayer is not enough. We must have target praying - and prayer that holds on like a limpet. John Hyde would pray until he knew God's will in matters about which he had guidance.

Our praying is too general. We aim at nothing and hit nothing. The blind man cried, "Have mercy upon us!" How he needed it! But Jesus touched him not. Jesus then asked him, "What will ye that I shall do unto you?" He saw the point, asked for sight and got it! He expressed, he expected, and he experienced! Blessed is the man that can pray like that!

Men who have prayed have made history. Men who have prayed have changed history.

Tell me, where are such men of prayer today? Men who stagger not at the promises of God - men who laugh at the impossibility and cry, "It shall be done"—or do we just cry?

Impiety and impurity fills the land. This is too big a task for evangelism. A genuine Holy Ghost revival is the need of the world at this hour!

Sin sick? Let Him cleanse you. Soul sick? Let Him heal you, endue you with power from on high,- strengthen you with might by His Spirit on the inner man, -then you shall know the blessedness of soul prosperity.

New Arrivals

The Orlando God's Missionary Church is pleased to announce the birth of Isabella Rashelle Acevedo. Isabella was born on May 4, 2008 to Annette and Andres Acevedo.

The Orlando God's Missionary Church is pleased to announce the birth of Chastity Ruth Heintzelman. Chastity was born on June 12, 2008 to Andrew and Hannah Heintzelman.

Congratulations to Darrell & Susan Spitler on the birth of Lauryn Kate. Lauryn was born on May 21.

Congratulations to Jason and Michelle Bennett of Lebanon God's Missionary Church on the birth of Brody James. Brody was born on June 13.

Revival, What is it?

Revival is not a miracle.
Revival is a re-awakening of Christians.
Backslidden Christian will be brought to repentance.
Hard hearts will be melted and broken.
It will be a new beginning of obedience.
A revival will break the power of the world and sin.
The church will be awakened and reformed.
Humility and confession will take place.
God's special agency for revival is the Holy Spirit.
He works though a mortal agent which is man.
The results will be believers being renewed and refreshed - reclaimed and sanctified—rejoicing
Sinners will be converted.
The church will be a flame of fire—attracting and awakening the cold and indifferent.
The church will never be the same!
Prayer is the power that unlocks the door and the way to revival.

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SERMON THOUGHTS FROM GMC MINISTERS PAST AND PRESENT

Digging Deep —*Luke 6:46–49*

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

The man that is considered among the wise.
- Receives Christ as His Savior
- Listens to Him as a Teacher
- Obeys Him as His Master

Three things the wise man considered
- The coming storms
- The danger of waiting too long
- The blessedness of being ready

The foolish builder
- He disregarded the Rock, Jesus
- He started building too soon
  Planted the stones of hope before he found the Rock of safety
- He built without a foundation.
  I Corinthians 3:11 *Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*
- His house fell when needed most.

BY G.I. STRAUB

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Travel Notes

HARRY F. PLANK

May 1 & 2: Penn View's Campus Days. "God's Missionary Churches Welcome You to Penn View" was what the sign read just out side the door of the "Hospitality Room" where Rachel and I greeted the prospective students.
May 4: We made a visit to the Sunbury church. It was a good service and a full church. Thank you, to Assistant Pastor Keith Bunch & his wife for the lovely meal.
May 6: We attended the viewing of Mary Hosier.
May 9 & 10: We enjoyed seeing lots of friends at the Penn View Benefit auction.
May 11: Rachel and I enjoyed Mother's Day morning at church with two of our sons and their families. In the evening, we visited the Newport church and appreciated the lovely visit with the Brenizer family after the service.
May 13–18: I preached a revival meeting at the Early Methodist Church in Carthage, IN. It was a joy to work with singers Dennis Barrick and family and the pastor Peter Casalino & wife.
May 20: I conducted a Penns Creek Camp board meeting in the morning and a Home Missions board meeting in the afternoon.
May 21: We enjoyed being with Pastor Nathan Walter & family and the Rebersburg church family for the evening service.
Monday May 24–26: We attended year-end activities at Penn View (spring concert, baccalaureate, and commencement).
June 1: I was honored to take part in a dedication ceremony for a beautiful new sign at the Blue Knob church. It has been placed in memory of two very faithful board members—Adams and Claar. Thank you, Pastor Jonas Hight & wife for the wonderful Sunday dinner. In the evening, we made our way to Lebanon and spent the night with Rev. & Mrs. Dwight Rine.
June 2–10: We visited in Haiti, with Rev. & Mrs. David Blowers and World Missions Director Rev. Dwight Rine.
June 14: Rachel and I attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Rev. & Mrs. Warren Major and enjoyed seeing the pictures of their beautiful church wedding of 1958.
June 13–15: We attended the weekend of celebration marking 75 years for the Millmont church, actually 50 years in the present location. They also had a special dedication of a lovely organ and the new addition to the church, which includes a parking lot level entrance and a handicap lift. This addition was buily in memory of the late Ralph Kuhns.
June 16–20: God's Missionary Youth Camp.
June 20: I attended a board meeting for the Pension fund.
June 22: This was an exciting morning, a fulfilled dream of Home Missions Director Jacob Martin, the opening of a God's Missionary Church in Danville. It was a good service with 29 people in attendance.
June 26: We spent nearly 10 hours in a board meeting for Penn View Bible Institute.
June 28: I preached for the afternoon service at Mount of Blessings Camp.
June 29: Rachel and I attended Hanover Camp Meeting for the morning service and I preached in the afternoon service. We enjoyed a good dinner in the dining hall and traveled to Mount of Blessings for the evening service.

God's Missionary Youth Camp '08

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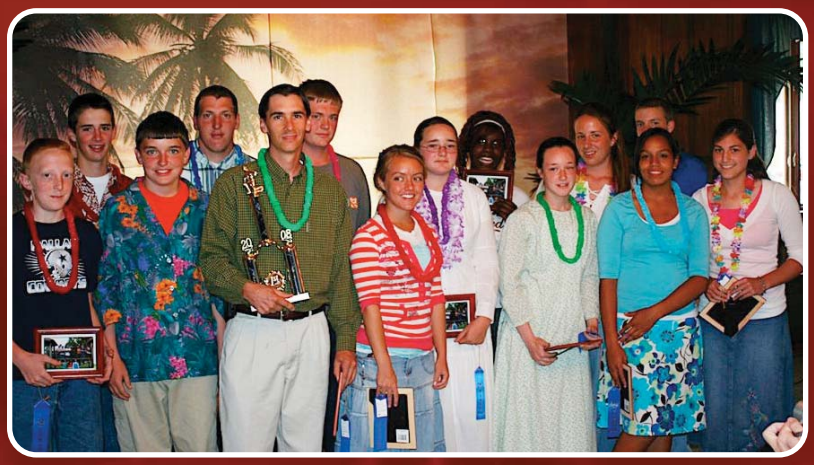

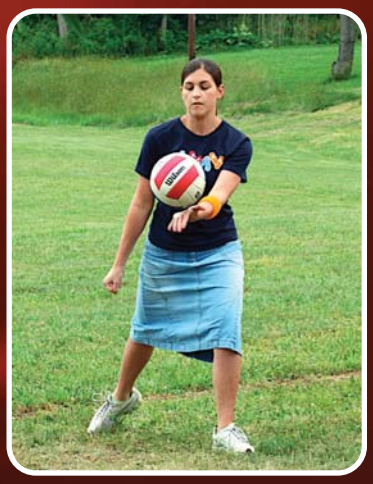

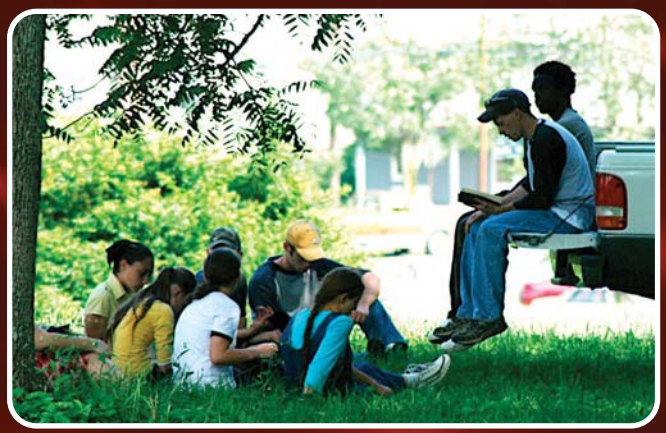

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