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## **Saving Sampson**

The Wesleyan revival movement of the 1700's has been credited as the means by which England avoided a bloody revolution of the kind that engulfed France in the later part of that century. The revival changed the moral atmosphere of the nation, but that change came about as one sinner after another experienced the transforming power of God's grace. Early in the revival, violent mobs attacked the Methodists and magistrates did little or nothing to protect the innocent and uphold the law. However, as the new converts stood firm and let their new life in Christ shine in front of their neighbors, the violent opposition died down and the Methodists gradually won the respect of their peers. Early Methodism gloried in radical conversions, and many of these trophies of grace had been rascals indeed before they repented of their sins. A good argument can be made that no Methodist convert was a greater rascal before his conversion than Sampson Staniforth,

who came to Christ while serving in the English army.

Staniforth was born in 1720 into a home that seemed to be totally without religious influences. He was a vigorous young man, and without any religious restraints to "bump up against" his conscience, he took to sin like a duck takes to water. By his late teens he He took to sin like a duck takes to water.

was a very hard young man who had no thoughts about God or eternity. He would later describe himself at this time as "fierce, sullen, passionate, and malicious." Sampson ended up in the English army, and his ways only became more wild and reckless as he experienced the rigors of army life. During this time, he heard George Whitfield preach, but it made no impression upon him. However, in the mercy of God, the Lord allowed a young soldier by the name of Mark Bond to be providentially placed in Sampson's life.

Mark Bond was the exact opposite of Sampson in that he had feared the Lord since he was a very young boy. If his parents forgot to pray with him before bed, Mark would get out of bed to pray so he could sleep peacefully. However, Mark did not have peace with God in his soul. He spent his grow-



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ing-up years in a state of near torment, tempted to curse God as he struggled to find that peace. He entered the English army as a way to "die honorably" and end his misery, but in the mercy of God, he was saved under the preaching of Methodist soldiers, and his burden was gone. Sampson immediately came to his mind, and he began to deal with his fellow soldier about his lost condition. Staniforth thought he was crazy and mocked him. The new convert wondered if he should spend more time laboring with others, but Sampson rested heavy on his heart. At one point, Sampson had no food or drink, and Mark Bond offered to provide for his needs. Reluctantly, Sampson then went to hear preaching with him, and during the sermon, his soul came under deep conviction. He would never go back. He immediately turned from his alcohol, fornication, and swearing while earnestly seeking salvation at every opportunity. It was while he was on guard duty during the middle of the night that he had a powerful vision of the Lord Jesus and knew his sins had been forgiven.

His dear friend Mark was overjoyed and did all he could to support him in his new life, to the point of even being willing to help him pay off his old debts. The bond among the Methodist soldiers was close indeed, and their influence upon their fellow brothers-in-arms was great. A mighty work of God took place in their ranks as they tried to live for God while fighting for their nation across the sea in France Tragically, Mark Bond died in battle, but his peace was great in his final moments. Sampson would live to see the day when he was able to leave the army and return to England. For the rest of his life, he would be a faithful local Methodist preacher. He passed to his eternal reward at the age of seventy-nine.

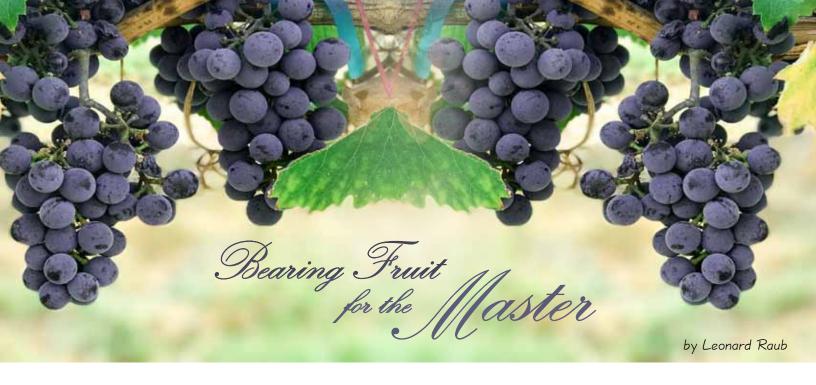
It has been said that the first instinct of a newly-saved soul is to tell others about Jesus. For Mark Bond, continued on page 9

# A Narrow Escape

Adapted from "Illustrations From the Life of R. G. Flexon"

Wesley had gone to God's Bible School to prepare for missionary work in Africa. He had come home after his first year in school for the summer vacation. He was keeping company with a young lady who had lost out spiritually. In those days we held Sunday School in the afternoon. One Sunday afternoon as Wesley walked out of the church, I spoke to him about his soul. He laughed and said he was only nineteen, and he was going to have his fling at sin and have a good time in the world; then he would consider getting back to God. That night I preached on the text, "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God." I looked at my watch when I finished, and it was two minutes to nine. I asked how many would be ready to meet God by nine o'clock. Wesley looked at his watch and mocked my giving of the altar call. I fell on the floor in the pulpit, unconscious as far as anything around me was concerned. For thirty minutes I was under soul-burden for him. When I came to, he was at the altar with his coat off, praying for God to have mercy on him. He was reclaimed that night. On Tuesday afternoon he was sanctified. On Friday night he led the song service in a prayer meeting in our church. Saturday afternoon, about four o'clock, as I sat in my study preparing my Sunday messages, the phone rang. When I put the receiver to my ear, his brother Harmer cried, "Brother Flexon, come to our house at once. Wesley is dead." I said, "No, he is not. He was at church last night and led the song service." He said, "Come at once. Fifteen minutes ago Wesley kissed Mother good-bye, telling her he was going to the river to swim, but would be back in time to help her get supper. He went out into eighteen feet of water, was seized with cramps, and went down, and now two doctors have just pronounced him dead." What if he had put it off for one more week? There would be a different story to tell about him.





Though I was born into a Holiness family and grew up in a wonderful Holiness church where I saw miracles from the Lord, that did not automatically make me a Christian and especially not a soul-winning type of Christian. I am thankful to the Lord for my heritage and that from a young age, I wanted to please the Lord. As a teenager I went astray for a few years, but the fear of the Lord was upon me, and I knew that if I didn't make it right with the Lord I would miss Heaven. In the mercy of God, I met a wonderful girl, and we got married in 1962. We were faithful to church and rarely missed, even when we weren't as close to the Lord as we should have been. By 1975, we had two children and things were going well in life. Yet, I was unsure of where I stood spiritually, and I wanted all the doubts to be gone. After an intense period of seeking the Lord, the Holy Spirit came in His sanctifying power, and all the doubts were gone! He had taken full control, and I said a final goodbye to the world and all its allurements. It was the greatest day of my life. Soon after that, the Lord began to deal with me about reaching souls for Jesus, and I have tried to obey Him in this regard ever since. Here are some testimonies from the years since that glorious encounter.

## **Bring Them In at Work**

I met a man named Dennis Weber at a booth next to me at the Green Dragon. I began talking to him about being a Christian. He told me he was Catholic, and we talked every week for maybe eight months. One Sunday in 1976, he came to Ono Camp Meeting. He got saved that evening and three months later got wonderfully sanctified.

I also met Sandy and Charles Haught at Roots Market and noticed a sad look on their faces. I approached them in the aisle and began to talk with them. They came to church and got saved as well.

### Bring Them In while Knocking on Doors

Grace Harman was a lady that said, "I won't come to church because I can't quit smoking, and I know God doesn't want me to smoke." I kept visiting her for months, and one day she said, "I am coming this Sunday morning." She came and enjoyed it; she came back the next Sunday and got wonderfully saved. God changed her in many ways. She quit smoking but died from the effects of it. She is in Heaven today!

One of the girls on my bus told me about her grandpa who had six months to live. I developed a friendship with him and visited him every week and had prayer. He felt he was a "good man." After four months of weekly visits, God touched his heart with a godly fear, and he was open to the message. He got saved and died two months later.

#### 🏶 Bring Them In at a Funeral Meal

I met John and Heather Dunkelberger at John's grandfa-

ther's funeral. I began to talk to Heather about her life and church attendance. She told me their church had "everything," but they didn't feel welcome. I told her to come and try our church, and they have been there ever since. Jesus has changed both of them, and they have been a vital part of reaching others for Christ.

## Bring Them In on the Barber's Chair

The first time I met Charlotte was when I sat on her barber's chair, needing a haircut. I began to talk to her about my wife and the happiness we found in serving the Lord. After I had been in the chair for about twenty minutes, she started crying, and I was able to share the Gospel and pray with her. I have stayed in contact with her by phone.

### Bring Them In through the Bus Ministry

Heather Hartman began to ride my bus at age five, and she did this off-and-on for years. She made many bad choices over the years, but on March 30, 2013, God changed everything, and now she and her husband Scott are pastoring a God's Missionary Church in Lancaster, PA. Never give up on anyone; God is bigger than their situation.

Many, many people have ridden my van over these forty-seven years. It provides a great chance to talk to them about their need of a Savior and to pray for them. Building relationships with people is of the utmost importance these days because many people do not trust anyone because of bad experiences in the past. It may take time, but never quit trying. Wherever you are, look for opportunities to talk about Jesus and the change He will bring into their life. Never allow the devil to defeat you when someone you work with for a long time makes a start and then quits. I know it hurts, but maybe the next person will stay faithful to the end. Also remember that the seed, once planted, can still bear fruit in the future. Never, ever quit reaching out. It is God's command, and it will also help you greatly spiritually.

By reaching out, it helps me to be accountable, faithful, and careful. What an awesome responsibility to know that those around me are watching everything I do! The cry of my heart is that all who read this testimony would have a godly passion for the lost and make a difference in our world!

# Testimony of Orton Wiley

Dr. H. Orton Wiley, the great theologian of the Church of the Nazarene, was saved through the prayers and personal work of Christian people who were concerned about him. This is his testimony: "I was converted in the fall of 1894. Previous to this, I had been active in the church but never consciously converted. Some holiness people moved near our home in Medford, Oregon -- a man, his wife, and her mother -- and began holding cottage prayer meetings as they had opportunity. One of these meetings was held in my father's home. I was working in the drugstore at the time and, coming home later, heard them praying in the front room. One

brother prayed, 'O Lord, we are here for two things tonight -- that John [my father] might be delivered from the tobacco habit, and that Orton [myself] might be converted.' At first I resented this personal reference: but God sent an arrow of

God sent an arrow of conviction to my heart.

conviction to my heart and, timid as I was, I opened the door and walked in. They immediately set out a chair as an altar; and as I knelt there, God for Christ's sake forgave my sins and put a light in my soul that has been shining more and more unto the perfect day.

"Soon after this, I became a seeker after holiness -the second blessing, properly so-called. Here I found difficulty by not apprehending the simplicity of faith. For seven years I walked up and down the banks of the Jordan, seeking a narrow place to cross over; but it seemed always that I arrived at the time of the barley harvest when the Jordan overflowed its banks. I became a 'chronic seeker.' But one day in Berkeley, California, I went upstairs to my room, a discouraged young man, and, kneeling by my bedside, opened a little book called Fletcher's Appeal, and there read that 'thy helplessness is no hindrance to my loving kindness.' I was then enabled to cease my strugglings and let go. I thought I would be dashed to pieces on the rocks below, but in that simple act of trust I found my feet pressing the Eternal Rock of Ages. There I came first to understand the power of simple faith in Christ. I arose and began to sing, 'On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.' For forty-seven years now I have walked in the light of this faith -- the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin, and the Comforter abides."



- **1.** Make it a point to shake hands with the new converts and tell them you have confidence in them and believe they will make good. Nothing inspires confidence like knowing someone believes in you.
- **2.** Call them occasionally on the phone, speak to them words of encouragement, and tell them you are interested in their making good and that you are praying for them.
- **3.** Remember their coming to Christ has meant the breaking of old associates and stepping out alone. Therefore put yourself out, if necessary, to be a friend and a companion to them. Do this at least until they have had a chance to make new friends of the right kind.
- **4.** Have them out for a meal, in your home or at some restaurant. (a) Talk to them about Jesus; show them what they may become if they will let Him have His way with them. (b) Do not let the fact that you may be several years their senior hinder you in this work. Nothing so thrills or inspires a youth as having some older person take a personal and active interest in his living for God.
- 5. Let them see that you are in prayer for them. A Christian worker met a young convert on a downtown street just a few days after the latter had been converted. This older Christian gripped the young convert's hand, asked him how he was getting along, bowed his head and whispered a prayer for him: and hurried on. But, oh, what an uplift that experience was to the young man!
- **6.** Take them aside at the church and ask them how they are getting along, pray a short prayer with them, and where possible have them pray.

- 7. Ask them occasionally if they have any particular matter about which they would like to have you join them in prayer. This will make them feel that you look on them as real Christians and will both inspire and encourage them.
- **8.** Suggest a promise to them. Quote it, show it to them in your Bible, or write it out for them. Some two weeks after a certain young man's conversion, a man asked him one night how he was getting along. The reply was, "I am having an awful fight." He was advised to go home and read Jude 24, which he did, and on that wonderful promise, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling," he won one of the greatest victories of his life.
- 9. Impress upon converts the necessity of reading the Bible. Urge them to memorize verses and whole chapters, and teach them that it is only as we study and know the Book that we can fully know the wonders of the Christ it portrays.
- 10. Emphasize the importance of reading good devotional books and magazines. If possible place copies of suitable books and papers in their hands, so they may become familiar with the proper kind of Christian literature.
- 11. Show them the value of uniting with the church. Church membership is owned and blessed of God, and every Christian should have a church home. While the church membership will not save, it will help them to stand.
- 12. Urge upon them the necessity of being filled with the Spirit. Explain how He comes to cleanse the heart from carnal self and inbred sin and to fill with divine power for living and serving Him acceptably.

# **How To Bring Men To Christ**

Adapted From "How To Bring Men To Christ" by R. A. Torrey

The one who would have real success in bringing others to Christ must have a love for souls, a longing for the salvation of the lost. If we have no love for souls, our efforts will be mechanical and power-

less. We may know how to approach men and what to say to them, but there will be no power in what we say, and it will not touch the heart. But if like Paul we have "great heaviness and unceasing pain in our heart" for the unsaved, there will be an earnestness in our tone and manner that will impress the most careless. Furthermore if we have a love for souls we will be on constant watch for opportunities to speak with the unsaved and will find opportunities on the street, in the store, in the home, on the streetcars, and everywhere that would otherwise have entirely escaped our notice.

But how is one to get a love for lost souls? This question is easily answered. First of all, a love for souls, like every other grace of Christian character, is the work of the Holy Spirit. If then we are conscious that we don't have that love for souls that we should have, the first thing to do is to go to God and humbly confess this lack in our lives and ask Him by His Holy Spirit to supply that which we so sorely need, and expect Him to do it (I John 5:14-15, Phil. 4:19). In the second place, Jesus Christ had an intense love for souls (Mt. 23:37; Luke 19:10). An intimate and constant companionship with Him will impart to our lives this grace which was so promi-

nent in His. In the third place, feelings are the outcome of thoughts. If we desire any given feeling in our lives we should dwell upon thoughts that are adapted to produce that feeling. If any saved person

#### 1John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us. whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

#### Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

#### Matthew 23:37

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee. how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

#### Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

will dwell long enough upon the peril and wretchedness of any man without Christ and the worth of his soul in God's sight as seen in the death of God's Son to save him, a feeling of intense desire for that man's

> salvation is almost certain to follow. In the fourth place, reflection upon our own ruined and unhappy condition without Christ and the great sacrifice that Christ made to save us, is sure to fill our hearts with a desire to bring others to the Savior we have found.

> The one who would have real success in bringing men to Christ must have a working knowledge of the Bible. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. It is the instrument God uses to convict of sin, to reveal Christ, and to regenerate men. If we would work together with God, the Bible is the instrument upon which we must rely in bringing men to Christ. We must know how to use the Bible so as 1) to show men their need of a Savior, 2) to show them Jesus as the Savior they need, 3) to show them how to make the Savior their own Savior, and 4) to meet the difficulties that stand in the way of their accepting Christ.

> The one who would have real success in bringing men to Christ must pray much. Solid work in soul winning must be accompanied by prayer at every step. 1) We must pray for God to lead us to the right persons to approach. 2) We must pray for God to show us just what to say to those to whom He leads us. After all our study of the pas-

sages to be used in dealing with various classes of men, we shall need God's guidance in each specific case. Every experienced worker will testify to the many instances in which God has led continued on page 8



It was my first revival to be held with this people. I drove my car and took my wife along. We arrived some time before the service was to start, so I pulled up in front of the building where it was to be held and stopped. My wife said, "Where are you going to hold the meeting?" I told her, "In that building," pointing to it. She said, "Good-bye to your dignity." It was an old, unpainted blacksmith shop. It was certainly not in any way attractive. As the people gathered, we got out of the car and went into the building. There was no floor but the dirt. There were only sixty-two opera chairs in it for the people to sit on. The platform was about a foot high and about four feet square. The pulpit desk was very small. When I stood up on the platform, my head was up between the joists of the building. I could not move without bumping my head. The man in charge was a great man. He was a prominent official in the Western Electric Company. He took me to his office one day. He had thirty-two secretaries working in that office for him, so you can realize the importance of his position. He was the greatest missionary layman I have ever known. The place was filled with people, and many men were in attendance. God helped me to preach if He ever did. The altar was not long, but there were many seekers who found someplace to pray. I do not know how many women or children found God in that meeting, but there were sixty-two men who professed to pray through. Restitutions were the order of the day. Many of those men worked in a large plant in the city, and the plant officials were stirred because so many were taking back stolen tools and other materials and making restitution. In fact, the whole town was stirred. At the close of the revival, I received one of the largest offerings I have ever received in any revival, and they took only one offering without any pull to get it. So many of those men joined that church that as soon as the revival was closed, as far as my stay with them was concerned, they decided to build a larger church, and they did. I have been there many times since.



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them to use some text of the Scripture that they would not otherwise have used but which proved to be just the one needed. 3) We must pray for God to give power to that which He has given us to say. We need not only a message from God but power from God to send the message home. Most workers have to learn this lesson by humiliating experiences. They sit down beside an unsaved man and reason and plead and bring forth texts from the Word of God, but the man does not accept Christ. At last it dawns upon them that they are trying to convert the man in their own strength, and they lift a humble and earnest prayer to God for His strength. God hears, and in a short time this "very difficult case" has

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settled the matter and is rejoicing in Christ. 4) We must pray for God to carry on the work after our work has come to an end. After having done that which seems to have been our whole

duty in any given instance, whatever may have been the apparent result of our work, whether successful or unsuccessful, we should definitely commit the case to God in prayer. If there is anything the average worker in this hurrying age needs impressed upon him, it is the necessity of more prayer. By praying more we will not work any less, and we will accomplish vastly more.

The one who would have real success in bringing men to Christ must be baptized with the Holy Ghost. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," said Jesus to His disciples after having given them the Great Commission to go out and to bring men to Himself. The supreme condition of soul-winning power is the same today.



# A Minister in Disguise

Taken from "He That Winneth Souls" by Alpin Bowes

A pastor in California became interested in a man who attended a church service. He seemed to be alert, talented, and possessed of a splendid personality. The pastor was faithful in calling, praying with the family, and urging their attendance. After about a dozen calls, the young man broke down one day as the pastor was praying with the family and sobbed out his story: "I am a backslidden Free Methodist preacher. My wife and I got discouraged and resigned our first pastorate about a year ago. I came to California and went to work in the aircraft industry. I've been working Sundays for the extra time and wage and a half paid, instead of taking my wife and children to Bible school. Our hearts are broken; we are out of God's

Please pray that God will forgive us. will. Please pray that God will forgive us and give us a chance to prove ourselves in His ministry again." In a short time there was great rejoicing in that

home, with the assurance of restoration. God soon opened a door for them, and they are now back in a pastorate in their own church. One of God's laborers was restored because a pastor was concerned about the souls in his community and faithful in dealing with them.

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that meant letting someone who was radically different from him know the Good News. He experienced rejection and mocking, but he faithfully continued to pray for his soldier buddy and even helped take care of his temporal needs. Mark labored to get Sampson to "church," and the fiery, anointed preaching did its work. Though Mark Bond had little in common with Sampson Staniforth, the love of Christ burning in his heart led him to do all he could to reach what seemed an unreachable soul. In a day when hearts seem very hard and a biblical worldview is increasingly rare, it is greatly encouraging to read of the glorious transformation of this English soldier. We would do well to follow the example of Mark Bond to reach the proud and malicious "Sampsons" around us and see the power of God displayed in our various spheres of influence. One "unreachable soul" that is reached has a way of softening hearts and minds to the claims of Christ like nothing else.

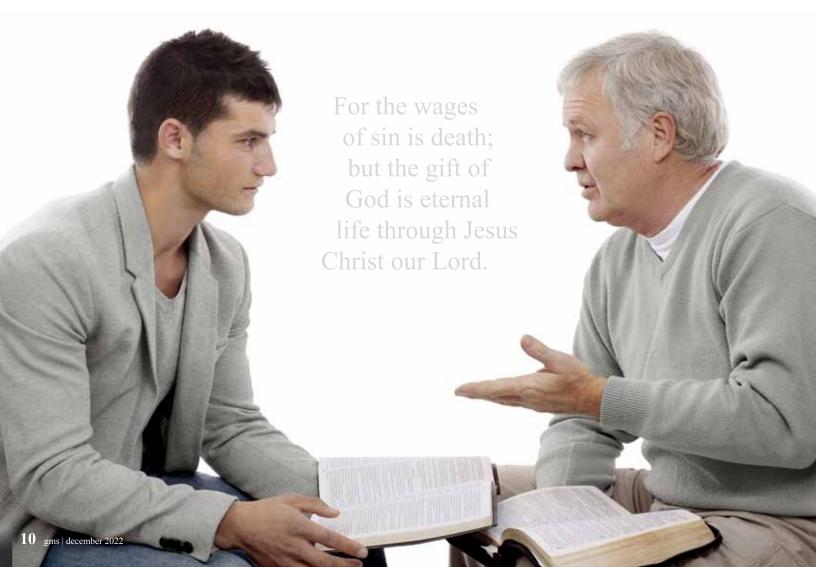


# He That Is Wise

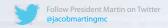
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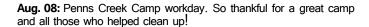
The lateness of the hour and the wickedness of the times are no excuse not to win souls. All around us are multitudes perishing in sin, dying without a knowledge of the Savior, and going to an eternal hell that Jesus and the Bible so vividly describe. And yet many of these poor lost souls have hungry hearts and could be reached with the Gospel. The followers of Christ, however, must have a vision and burden that will send them out to their neighbors and friends in an earnest effort to win them to Jesus. Obedience to the Great Commission ("Go ye into all the world and preach the

gospel to every creature") is very evidently one of Christ's terms of discipleship. Disobedience to the Great Commission is working death in the body of Christ. Personal experience cannot be long maintained without adequate expression in earnest endeavor to win others. Across the years multitudes who have been definitely saved or reclaimed have grown lean and backslidden in heart because they did not understand that individual soulwinning is a condition of remaining saved. Truly it can be said, "He that winneth souls is wise."



# Travel notes with the





Aug. 09: I went to Camp Hill to preach and give a few instructions about who is to fill in until their new pastor, Hunter Anderson, comes in a few weeks. We're excited to report he is going to Camp Hill.

Aug. 10: Administrative work and travel notes.

Aug. 11: Lewisburg Hospital. Rhoda and I visited Rosella Marie Hubble, the new daughter of Daniel and Roseanna Hubble - Congratulations!

Aug. 12: Administrative work and sermon preparation.

Aug. 13-14: Delmar. Went to preach and talk to the people about how to go forward without a pastor. God helped us to have a very good meeting and plan. Please pray that God will call a pastor to Delmar!

Aug. 15-20: Administrative work, sermon prep, and attended the Elim Grove Camp. Rev. John Brewer preached a timely message on "The Beauty of Holiness." Rhoda and I also went to the wedding of my niece Kiara and her new husband, Austin. Our prayers are with them as they begin this new journey together.

Aug. 21: Penns Creek for the Installation Service of Rev. Allen Stump. We had the honor of preaching and praying a blessing for him and his wife. The church board gave gifts to them as well. The church had a 30-year celebration of their church building in the afternoon. Rev. Alan Walter shared memories and Rev. Barry Mason shared slides. Cathy Brubaker, Linda Clough, and my wife (PV Old Ladies Trio of years gone by ① ) sang 2 trio numbers. Everyone who participated did an excellent job. In the evening I preached at the Sunbury church.

Aug. 22: PVBI Orientation devotional. I shared on "Expanding the Kingdom." We so appreciate the wonderful staff and faculty that God has given PVBI.

Aug. 24: Visited Doug Gardei at PV so he could help me update the Microsoft program on my computer. Rhoda and I went to Rebersburg church to pay our respects to Sis. Marjorie L. "Tillie" Bennett. She was a wonderful, faithful saint of God and grandmother of Pastor Fred

Aug. 25-27: PV "Back to School Rally" and fireworks which were outstanding! Administrative work and scheduling services for Conference President visits.

Aug. 28: Sunbury church for the outside church service with the Rev. Brian Fuller Family. God used them to be a blessing to those from the church and community.

Aug. 29-Sept. 03: Administrative work and sermon preparation for the Florida District Rally and Conference. I also enjoyed playing basketball at PV with Rev. Cade Davis, Rev. Rex McDowell, Jr., and PV students. Rhoda and I attended the Conference-wide Youth Rally.

Sept. 04: Rhoda and I attended the Sunbury church in the evening so she could accompany them at the piano while they sang the special song. Our three-year-old granddaughter, Mckenna, wanted us to come. They sang the song "You're Still Lord." That's how I still feel! Today was my 40th spiritual birthday.

Sept. 05-12: FL District rally and conference. Rev. Aaron Hamilton preached on the rally night on Isaiah 61:1. Jesus' purpose and plan should be ours too! I also preached at three of our churches while in Florida.

Sept. 13: PV school revival meeting. Rev. Jeremy Fuller was the evangelist, and he preached about the two times he fell and one time he was stuck up high. A powerful message on

> the lessons that God taught the preacher.

Sept. 14: Delmar to preach and have a meeting with some of the church people.

Sept. 16-17: Administrative work and sermon preparation.

Sept. 18: Duncannon. I enjoyed the good adult S.S. class and the liberty in preaching. I also am thankful that God is helping the church with new people, and a good number of them are walking with Jesus!



JACOB MARTIN

Sept. 19: Penns Creek, General Board and Missionary Crusaders board meetings today. I had about a 15-minute break between the

Sept. 20: PV Grandparents Day. I went to classes and even won (tied) my first spelling guiz game. Wonderful day! That made for a good laugh with my granddaughter, Lily. Chapel was great. Thanks, PV staff and faculty, for another job well done.

Sept. 21-25: Pell City, Alabama, for the School of the Prophets and Future Pastors Conference. I was privileged to travel down with our Vice President, Rev. Jeremy Fuller. G.M.C. helps to sponsor this event so I was allowed to have 5-7 minutes to share about our conference with the ministerial students.

Sept. 26: Camp Hill, Hanover Camp Board Meeting. We reviewed the past year and planned for next year.

Sept. 27: Catawissa, Mt. Zion Cemetery, for the graveside service of Glenda Wintersteen. A close friend of hers asked if Rhoda and I would share in the service.

Sept. 28: Sunbury revival service. Rev. Rodney Loper preached on Eph. 5:18 "Be filled with the Spirit" and "Christianity impacts every part of our lives."

Sept. 29- Oct 01: Administrative work and sermon preparation. I also went archery hunting with my son, Chad. We had to guit early because of rain. (No deer.)

Oct. 02: Hanover. Thanks for your spirit of giving \$510.00 to a family in need and then lifting a mission offering to help God's Kingdom advance.



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