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WELCOME TO 2007



Thanks for Your Faithful Encouragement.
We Have Now Completed 10 Years of Ministry



We are looking forward to what God has in store for our next 10 years of ministry. It is amazing how God directs and redirects our lives to accomplish His purposes. I am repeatedly reminded of Old Testament Joseph and all the unexpected twists and turns of his life and how God ultimately fulfilled Joseph's teenage dream. At times, I'm sure Joseph wondered what God was doing. He must have wondered if what he thought was a dream from God was simply the result of some bad matza balls.

In the pit, facing death, alone in a foreign nation in Potiphar's house as a slave, falsely accused of sexual sin and his resulting prison internment, Joseph had to have wondered what God's plan was. For over twenty years, God was preparing Joseph for a leadership role and the opportunity to forgive the unforgivable. Joseph did not write out his goals or life plan. He simply determined that no matter where he was or what he was doing his goal was to please God. For the believer, is our success based upon our personal passions, our plan, or upon daily faithfulness, availability and a passion to please God?

I can look back on my salvation at the age of nine and how God worked in my life as a teen, then through Bible College and seminary and see the hand of God preparing me for the ministry of Eagle Summit. There have been those who have thought this ministry was not viable, but the need is overwhelming.

My wife, Diane, has also been an integral part of what we are doing to serve God's servants. Her faithful encouragement, willingness to work outside the home and her insight have challenged me to stay faithful to the dream God has put in my heart. She even stayed with me during the first twenty years of our marriage when we moved twenty-two times. WOW!



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POSTPONED, SORRY . . .

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL,
THE SPONSORING CHURCHES HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE

March 10th "Teacher's Tool Box"

UNTIL A LATER TIME, TO BE ANNOUNCED



Financial Blessings & Challenges



2006 was the first year we received our full salary. This was a great encouragement to us personally and to our board. We continue to pray that 10 to 15 churches will consider us in their missions budget. This will enable us to spend more time expanding our ministry and working less on outside employment.

Each year, God has increased financial blessing through you. We ended 2006 with a balance of \$27 in our general fund and one debt, a credit card with a balance of about \$3,000. Our goal is to retire this debt in 2007 and then operate on a cash basis. Even the smallest gifts are greatly appreciated and have allowed us to meet our goal. Our 2007 is close to the 2006 budget except for the next challenge.

You Can Help Use ESM Resources Wisely

Our next challenge involves our ministry van. It is twofold. One, we would like to build a metal carport to protect the ESM van from weather. We built a carport several years ago, but were required to remove it because it violated a five foot no build zone the county required. We were not aware of this code nor was the builder who assisted us. I then purchased a tubular framed canvas carport that was destroyed in a wind storm. I have checked into pricing and estimate that it will cost about \$2,000 to have a metal carport constructed that will meet our needs.

The second part of this challenge involves replacing our van. We are in the beginning stages of looking for a newer ministry van. Our current van is still very reliable, but it is 14 years old. Recently, I had someone at a church we were serving say, "I used to have a van that old." At this point, we are not desperate, so we have time to look and be selective.

We have a friend who is helping us look at the local auction and other sources. We are looking for a 2003-2005 Chevy 3/4 ton, low mileage, high top conversion van (Not too picky am I?). This will allow us to transport people and ministry equipment. We know God directs and re-directs and are of course open to any vehicle the Lord makes clear we are to secure. We remain flexible.

When we began looking for our first vehicle in 1996, we started looking for a suburban and realized quickly that was unaffordable. We learned the van was taller and a greater rear storage area. If you have seen inside the back of the ESM van, you know it is full. God definitely was involved in helping us find just the right dependable vehicle then and we trust Him to do the same this time. We also desire to be good stewards with the resources God gives us, so we will pursue the best value. We may find the right vehicle in a few months or a couple of years, but our search is beginning. Pray with us for clear direction. If you find a van fitting this description abandoned along a roadside and in need of a good home, let us know.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VAN
SIMILAR TO THE ONE PICTURED HERE**



"Attempt things so impossible that unless God is in them, they are doomed to failure."

Ministry Challenges — Handle with Prayer



As we have shared with a number of pastors, we certainly do not have all the answers, but we know the God Who does. When called upon, our heart is do whatever we can to assist in difficult situations. We will do our best to connect pastors and church leaders with the right resources to meet needs. This has ranged from assisting with audio-visual equipment, to teacher training, to leadership training, to helping through personal problems. By the very nature of our ministry there are situations that we cannot discuss at all and some only in generalities. The following list may give you a better idea of how to pray for us as we strive to serve God's servants. We need God's wisdom and insight.

Here are a few situations that may help you know how to pray for us:

- Pastor who is struggling with his marriage.
- Pastor & wife who are having special challenges with adult children
- Two Churches seeking Pastors
- Church seeking guidance with leadership conflict that is threatening the church's existence.

PRAY FOR US AS WE TRAVEL.

- We face a variety of road conditions from fog, to rain and snow, to rock slides and road closures. Travel is always an adventure.
- We have also had a number of mechanical challenges on the road, flat tires, headlight malfunctions, stray deer, dead bear . . .

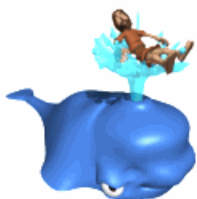


Thoughts from Diane . . . DISTANCE

Jonah knew who God was. Jonah knew who he was. Jonah admitted to others that he was a Hebrew and that he worshiped "the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land." However, when "The word of the Lord came to Jonah..." he ran. He created distance between himself and God and sought a remote place. He didn't want to be accountable to the task God had prepared for him.



It's hard to believe that a man would prefer the digestive tract of a fish to doing God's will and yet we as today's believers often make the same foolish choice. Frequently, we don't even take time in the morning or evening to hear the Word of the Lord let alone make a decision about creating distance between God's will and ours. Sometimes we just shut Him out to do what we think needs to be done. Distance between you and your God can happen while getting good, Godly things accomplished. It can happen reading a good book, exercising, shopping, working or taking a vacation. Leaving God out can cause emotional and physical distress. I understand, because I've been there. When I leave God out for even one day, I can fall into depression faster than Jonah slid down that great fish's throat. We don't need to wait until we die to be face to face with God. We can repent today and face God this moment by discovering who He is and what He wants us to do by getting into the Bible, the very Words of God! We can really live by doing what He wants and be where He wants us to be. Jonah took the hard road to Nineveh. Walking in God's direction at the start and end of each day is truly the better way. That's when the "New" in New Year will change you for eternity.



Standing Firm, Diane I Corinthians 15:58

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Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

- Dec 3—Community Bible Fellowship, Kettle Falls, WA
- Dec 5—AWANA Club, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
- Dec 6—Meeting with church leader
- Dec 11—Meeting with Pastor
- Dec 18—McGruff Program at Sunrise Elementary
- Dec 19—McGruff Program at University Elementary
- Dec 20—Meeting with Pastor
- Jan 4—Meeting with church leaders from Elk Community Church
- Jan 14—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA
- Jan 20—ESM Board meeting
- Feb 10—Leadership meeting, Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA

To Summit Up

Open Sundays to preach as needed



Spring semester at Moody Spokane (16th year) — teaching on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons (Communication of Biblical Truth & Educational Foundations)

The greater the challenge, the greater the opportunity for God to be seen as the One Who is in control.