

Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches
and their pastors.

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Family get-aways

preaching, teaching & training

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God's Amazing H₂O

Without it, we cannot survive. Because of it, many have perished. It is the liquid of life we call "water." It is known as the universal solvent, able to dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Water is unique in that it is the only natural substance that is found at normal Earth temperatures in all three states—liquid, solid (ice), and gas (steam). Water is unique in that the solid form, ice, is less dense than the liquid form, which is why ice floats, insulating lakes and streams from freezing solid. I could be wrong, but this certainly appears to be designed, not an accident.



The chemical composition of water defies logic. Hydrogen is explosive. Oxygen is required for every form of combustion. Combine the two elements and one would expect to have a highly volatile substance, but the opposite is true. Jesus is the "living water." Drink the water He offers and we will never thirst.

Each "drop of water," every financial gift to our ministry, makes a difference. With gifts received to date, we are within a few hundred dollars of meeting our 2010 budget with still a week until the end of the year. This is a tremendous PRAISE.

Gifts range from a faithful servant's \$5.00 to a literal gift from Heaven. Our friend, Irl Sowl, remodeled a camper and sold it. He told his wife, Karen, that he had a gift for Eagle Summit from the sale. Irl passed away one week later. His final gift was sent from Heaven. How humbling to consider that Irl thought of us his last week of life here on earth.

Our partners in ministry, from two community churches each sent gifts of \$1,000 or more. In addition, a new family who recently learned of our ministry and another faithful encourager each sent an additional \$1,000.



At times my faith is, at best, weak. My faith needs exercised and strengthened certainly involving more than finances. Philippians 4:19 "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches . . ." Only God can impress to give. Timing and amounts are in His hands. What may seem like a mere "drop in the bucket" can make an eternal difference.

GOD IS AMAZING. THANK YOU FOR EVERY "DROP."

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . .

At the encouragement of our board, I am reluctantly entering into the next generation of communication. We have not had a phone at our office for over a year, saving that expense. My cell phone has served well as our office phone. At our November board meeting, it was agreed that I should look into upgrading to a phone with at least texting capability and a texting plan. I have purchased an LG Quantum and a texting/media plan.



This involves not only another new learning curve, but also an increase in our monthly phone budget. If you are so impressed, here is another opportunity to make a difference and help us keep in touch more effectively with those we serve. Send a gift designated "PHONE" and I'll TEXT you a "Thank You." Wouldn't that be special? 😊 Wow!

PRAISE THE LORD WITH US !!!

This newsletter was delayed a bit in printing and mailing because we had a change in our plans and were able to travel to Gresham, OR to visit our daughter and family. Upon returning home, we received more gifts to Eagle Summit that put us about **\$1,000 OVER our 2010 budget**. We certainly do not determine our success or failure based on finances. If reaching our financial goal determined success, we failed for eleven years. It does help us understand that we cannot do God's work without you.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ENCOURAGEMENT
AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**



Family Togetherness 2010

OUR 2011 PROJECT

YOU CAN HELP:

PRAY AS GOD REMINDS YOU.

GIVE AS GOD IMPRESSES & ENABLES YOU.

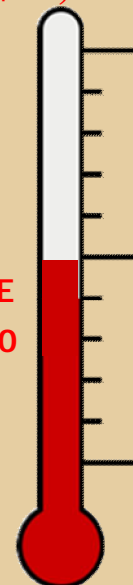
You **ARE** Making a Difference



\$26,500

GOAL

MAY 2011



**GIVEN TO DATE
DECEMBER 2010**

\$13,000





Thoughts from Diane . . . "The Valley of Decision"



tangible gifts given to me in Jesus Christ.

I see so many people around me that do a lot of pretending. They have to keep on the move to survive. They work, buy, build, party, seek love, travel, eat, exercise and then drop in to bed each night and do it all over again the next day. Some times they wonder what the point to all of it is, but as years go by they stop wondering and just keep moving. Perhaps they snatch moments or even a lifetime of all the wonderful feelings that this life can offer. They pin their hopes on a philosophy or religion thinking that maybe there is life after this life, but as time passes, moments of uneasiness and doubt assail them and there is real fear. Countless enter eternity the way they live, their hope, completely centered in this life, is suddenly over.



I know a woman like that. She's now in the sunset of life. I love her and I tell her, "You can have peace, hope, joy, contentment and a wonderful unending future!" I know a man like that and I tell him, "Jesus died for you." I know a rebellious child like that and I tell her, "God can wipe away all hurt, pain and sorrow."

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14 God spoke to my heart through this verse. To keep proclaiming the truth of God's Word no matter the cost, not only to the people I know and love now, but to new people God brings my way. I need a big change in my life this new year, to realize the importance of this one verse. To see people the way God see's them as the multitudes that remain in that huge valley of decision. What change may God want to make in your life this year? **I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm!**



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Web Design & Creative Media

A special **THANK YOU** to our daughter, Dawna Stafford, and her husband, Rich for their faithful work on our ESM web site. Their donation of time, energy and expertise is invaluable.



They have recently had a special challenge because their server was compromised by a spammer causing severe damage to sites Stafford Studios hosts. After many hours of work, they rebuilt most of their sites. If you need an honest, professional, reliable, competitively priced web designer, contact Dawna at Staffordstudios.com or phone 503.663.6565

Partnering Through Prayer

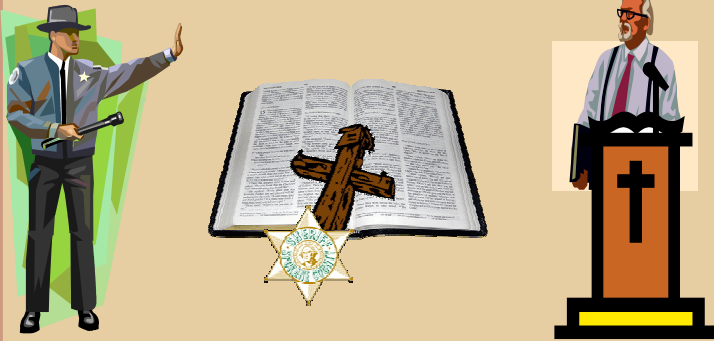
- PRAISE for 2010 support, encouragement & opportunities to serve
- Continue to pray for our son, George II. We had a scare early Friday morning after Thanksgiving, rushing George II to emergency. He had severe leg pain and difficulty breathing, leading us to believe that a blood clot had broken loose and gone to his lungs. After a series of tests, we learned the clot is gone He had a severe strep infection probably originating in his leg. After a short stay in the hospital, IV antibiotics and prescription medication, he is doing better.
- Pray for Diane as she is facing some very unusual and challenging situations at work on her school bus route. She needs wisdom and a time of peace. The sinus infection appears to be gone.
- Pray for wisdom and balance in relation to time management and scheduling
- Continue to pray for new churches and/or individuals to commit to monthly support.
- Pray for wisdom in developing our web page.
- Continual prayer for safety as we travel.



Our Continuing Mission:
**“Serving God’s
 Servants”**

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**HAPPY NEW
 YEAR
 2011**

May the New Year bring you new opportunities to learn more from our loving Creator and to deepen your relationship with Him. Psalm 20:1-4 “May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion; May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. May He grant you according to your heart’s desire, And fulfill all your purpose.”

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

Nov 22, Dec 20, Jan 17—Mending Fences, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting

January 9 & 16—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, 7 Bays, WA

February 5—ESM Board Meeting / New Hope Bible Church

February-March / Wednesday evenings, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA

Spiritual Gifts & Learning Styles Leadership Seminar

February-May—Friday morning class at Moody Spokane

April 15-16—Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID / Puppetry Training Seminar

TO SUMMIT UP

We are available for pulpit supply even on short notice.

Does your church need a speaker for special outreach, AWANA Club, Sunday School, teen or kid’s camps, family camp or other special event?