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"Serving God's Servants"

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU . . .

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We thank you for praying and giving as the Lord has impressed you over the past few years. We have been able to pay off our new van 2 1/2 years ahead of schedule.



Our ESM van continues to be a large ministry expense. We will maintain our **VAN ACCOUNT** to meet travel needs. Your designated gifts will be used accordingly. Our VAN ACCOUNT will be used to meet the following needs:



♦ FUEL

♦ INSURANCE

♦ MAINTENANCE



♦ TIRES

♦ LICENSE & REGISTRATION



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NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE . . .

"Barnabas Fund"

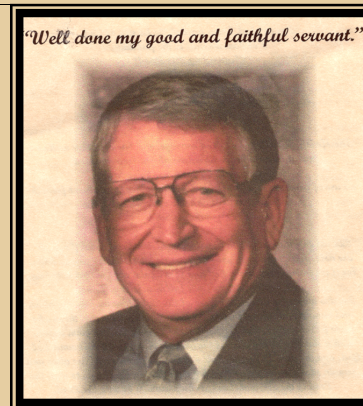
Mentioned in Acts 4:32-37, Joseph was a Levite from Cyprus. Because of his life of sacrifice for others, the apostles called him Barnabas, which means "Son of Encouragement." "Barnabas" was a nickname given to him because of his character. What a testimony! This godly man was known by his life of sacrifice and good deeds.

Ten years ago, we established a special fund to encourage Pastors and their families and to more effectively "Serve God's Servants." We assigned this our "BARNABAS FUND" in honor of our friend and mentor in ministry, Pastor Tom Starr. Pastor Tom has been in Heaven over ten years, but his passion to encourage those in ministry lives on through this aspect of our ministry.

Betty, Pastor Tom's wife, served on our board for well over ten years. We appreciated her insight and heart for the Lord. She still serves with us in an advisory capacity and has helped us a number of times with the newsletter mailings. We have been able to meet specific needs only a few times in the past. We would like to become more effective in this area. You can help us.

At our last ESM board meeting, we discussed the need to more actively promote this opportunity, to meet more needs as we become aware of them. These may include, but not be limited to vehicle expenses (repairs, fuel, etc.), medical expenses, appliance needs, vacation expenses, clothing, encouragement dinners and other doors of opportunities the Lord may open.

You may want to be part of this special emphasis through your gifts in 2013. If so, please indicate such with your gift and let your friends know about this special opportunity. In the future, we may be sending out special mailings to provide opportunities to share and bless those serving the Lord who have financial challenges. In addition, if you become aware of a need of someone serving in ministry, you can let us know so that we may be able to assist.



Prayer & Praise

✓ Diane has just completed yet another series of antibiotics. She asked me not to say anything in this newsletter, but we need your continued prayers for a solution to this health challenge. The specialist is doing testing for a potential white blood cell problem. Her white count may be normal, but the white cells may not be functioning properly. This may help to find a solution to the continuing infections.

✓ It is New Years Day as I'm working on this newsletter. I was with our son in emergency at Valley Hospital until 4:00 a.m. this morning. He had another excruciating bout of leg and lung pain. We would appreciate your continued prayer that he could regain his health. He is very discouraged. We need a miracle for him. There seems to be no solution and the doctors have no idea how to help him. The only suggestion at this point is pain management.

- ✓ Pray with our board as we seek ways to be more effective in meeting the needs of those we serve.
- ✓ Pray that we can see our Barnabas Fund grow and that we can be wise and effective in its usage.
- ✓ Praise that we met our 2012 budget. You were part of that answer to our prayer.
- ✓ Praise . . . the Lord allowed us to payoff our ESM van. WHAT AN ENCOURAGEMENT !



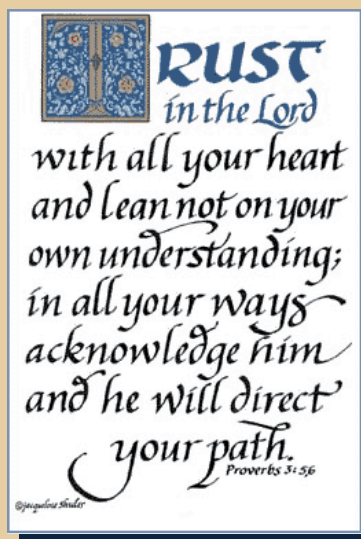


Thoughts from Diane . . .



I've been sick. I don't care to talk about being sick. I seem to be in that group of people that spend their lifetime experiencing various kinds of disease. Sickness can be a very boring even tedious conversation. Therefore, I try to insert humor. After one bout of bacterial pneumonia I could find a humorous moment or two. After four it was becoming a bit more difficult. During this sixth time I wasn't looking for humor, I was feeling weak and angry. I was also busy growling in frustration that several doctors haven't found any answers to my questions. A year and a half later there still aren't any solutions. Then, adding to all of it, is the fact that we have a very ill, adult son. I want to be healthy so I can be a help and be an encouragement to him and beyond that, to be an encouragement to others. I'm not much fun or even enjoyable to be around a lot of the time. In all of this, I've allowed distance to grow between myself and God.

I know if I've experienced pain and allowed it to become an excuse to neglect my relationship with God then there may be others who've done the same. Reasons may differ but the result is the same. Broken relationships hurt the one who loves them and the one who creates the separation. Anger, stubbornness, frustration or hurt that causes separation is something that needs to be dealt with. Sin that takes up residence in the heart and left there just leads to more pain. I know in my head what God says is the solution. I need to confess my sin and He will be faithful and just to forgive me. However, has this knowledge found a pathway to my heart?



This has been a long year and a half. It's probably harder than all the years past. I've always been able to regain strength and get to a place of pretty good health. Perhaps I will again, I don't know. I do know that God has everything under control. However, nothing should ever separate us from the love of God. This morning He took me back to Proverbs 3:5 & 6. I hope you'll take the time to read what God has said about trust, understanding and acknowledging Him. I am amazed all over again that two verses that I found and memorized 49 years ago are still as relevant and filled with truth as they were then. You can still trust Him too.

II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane

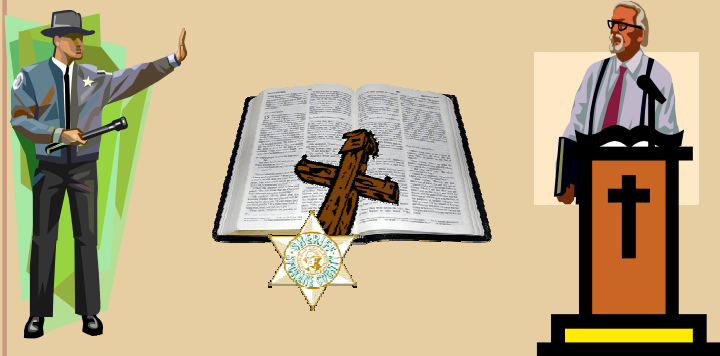
Fall Mission's Conference at Valley 4th Church

With the help of several ESM board members, we communicated the heart of our ministry with old and new friends. Share our ministry with others as you have opportunity.



Our Continuing Mission Focuses On:

"Serving God's Servants"



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John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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

November 4 — Valley Fourth Memorial Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's Conference

November 4 — Valley Bible Church, Kooskai, ID

November 21 — North Idaho Christian School, Hayden, ID

December 18— Mending Fences, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting

December 30 — Lind Community Church, Lind, WA

January 6 — Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's Conference

January 13—Valley Wesleyan Church, Spokane Valley, WA

January 20 — Valley Bible Church, Kooskai, ID January 21—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA

January 26 — ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church

February 18 — Mending Fences, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting

TO SUMMIT UP

We Are Available for Pulpit Supply, Even on Short Notice.

Does your church need a speaker for special outreach, AWANA and Kid's Clubs, Sunday School, teen or kid's camps, family camp or other special event? Contact us by phone or e-mail. We are here to serve.