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and their pastors.

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"Serving God's Servants"

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New Year, New Office

From the inception of Eagle Summit, our friends, Ray and Donna Eberle, provided us with office space at their law office for only \$50 a month. That may have covered utility costs. We were able to stay in that space for seventeen years. Ray passed away in October of 2011. The building had been donated to the Union Gospel Mission and eventually sold. Since the sale about a year ago, we have been without an office space. My desk and most of my books and files have been in storage.



We decided to set up an office at home. We have delayed doing so because of the possibility of our son and grandson coming to live with us. If that does happen, we will rearrange. It is nice to have an official workspace once again. Because the office space is smaller, I am forced to go through forty years of files. This involves sorting through hundreds of files, deleting what is no longer relevant and refiling what is still useful. This involves six file cabinets, a total of twenty-four drawers. I am also deciding what books to keep and what to give away. Six bookshelves filled with books will not fit into three shelves.

Fifty plus boxes need to be gone through. Thankfully, the timing is perfect. December is



generally the slowest month of the year in relation to ministry opportunities. Because of Christmas break, there are no school bus driving responsibilities and we had already decided not to travel out of town to visit family. It is good to be forced now to sort out what is still relevant rather than wait for another twenty years. Much of my library is now on my computer, so sorting out what books I actually need is ideal.

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Thank YOU So Much for Your Faithful Encouragement

WOW! This has been one of our busiest years of ministry. Our summer was filled with a mission trip to Peru, followed by three weeks of Bible Camps where at least forty kids made decisions for Christ. Most weekends were filled with preaching opportunities. In addition to a full schedule, we had extra expenses as well.

As we look back on 2013, it is such an encouragement to see how God used YOU to help us meet and exceed every need. Thanks to your faithful prayer and financial support we have met our annual ESM budget and are starting 2014 on a positive financial note. **Keep us in your prayers. Give as God impresses and enables you.**



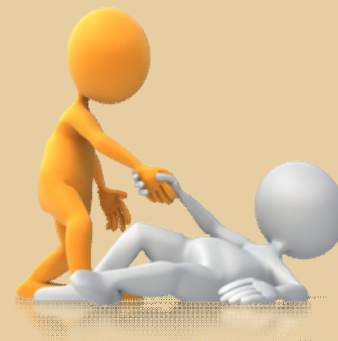
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We continue to develop funding ideas to encourage those in ministry. We want to be able to encourage those serving the Lord especially in the small and rural communities. This is one way to help these communities stay healthy even in declining or stagnant growth. If Bible preaching churches can remain healthy and functioning, the communities are benefitted. If the pastors and their families are encouraged, the church and town are benefitted as well.

Your ideas and financial support are more than welcome. If you are impressed to help in any way, please contact me and share your thoughts with us. If God impresses you to give financially, simply indicate that with your gift. If you know of a pastor with a specific need that we might be able to meet, please let us know that also. Encouraging God's servants has great rewards.

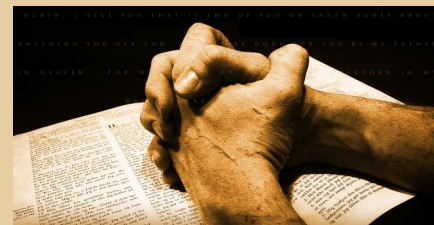
Our goal is to contact more pastors in the New Year. We want to visit churches and take the pastor and family out for a meal, just to encourage them and get to know them more. This will help us know how to pray for them



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH US

Your prayer is oxygen to our souls. Your prayer transmits God's breath to us. God's breath helps us breathe life into His servants.

- George II - Please keep praying for healing.
- Diane just finished another round of antibiotics. Pray for a time of health. We are thankful we have not had to make any recent ER visits.
- Pray with us for wisdom as we plan for the summer. We have the possibility of working with sixteen churches in Guadalajara, Mexico and possibly leading another mission trip to Lima, Peru, in addition to local ministry opportunities.





Thoughts from Diane . . . **COMMUNICATION**



There was a time, at the beginning of the 2002, when we had lost communication with our youngest son. A year had gone by and we had heard nothing of him or from him. He was on my mind all of the time. The longer the span of time, the more burdened we became. It was the spring of that year that I was on an extra bus trip. It was before I carried any wireless technology and many hours of no way to communicate loomed before me. All I could do was pray (not such a bad thing). I prayed, I prayed more. Hours went by and I begged God to let me hear from my son before the day ended. The scene is still very vivid in my mind. I went home that night and George was gone for work as well. It was just before midnight and I was still up; I felt so alone. Then the phone rang. It was Benjamin. Can you possibly imagine how much I praised God? It didn't matter what the words exchanged between us might have been. Nothing mattered but that God had heard from His throne and allowed me to speak to my son.



God is Awesome. His name is worthy to be praised. He has followed His Creation from the beginning of time. I read the first three chapters of Genesis this morning. Some may consider me one of those "fools" who believes that God created everything then rested, all in a literal seven day period. My God is that Awesome. He gave me life in 1949 and then gave me new life in 1963. This is my 50th year walking in a personal relationship with Him. Oh yes, He was the one who answered my prayers that day too.



God "... knows the way of the righteous ..." (Psalm 1:6) and He wants us to depend upon Him for everything. He wants us to know Him, to walk in His counsel, to spend time with Him, to meditate on His Word day and night and to delight in what He has to say to us. He wants to hear our voice in prayer. Not just when we want something, but to praise Him for all He has done for His creation. How can you know Him? How can you know what He wants to hear? Read His very Words to us. I'm setting out at the beginning of this New Year, to do more of that and to make doing that the most important thing in my life. I'm talking about building on the most important relationship in my life. It takes an entirely committed and consuming desire to build a relationship like that. We do that with the people on this earth that we love. Will you make a commitment with me to build on that love relationship with the one that loved you enough to die for your sinfulness? If you don't have that relationship yet, will you search for Him? I will be praying that you do. John 3:16



Standing firm! Diane I Corinthians 15:58

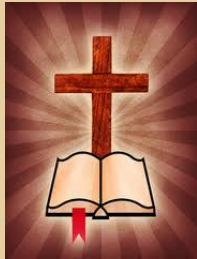
New Laptop Computer



We are in the beginning stage of looking for a new laptop computer and software updates. We currently have about \$300 saved toward this expense. If the Lord impresses you to help with a financial gift toward this, simply indicate that and include the word "COMPUTER." Your gift will gratefully be used accordingly.

Our Continuing Mission Is To . . .

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When the power of LOVE replaces the love of POWER in the leadership of our churches, we will begin to see God work in our nation as never before. If you want God to use you to your fullest in this New Year, look for ways you can SERVE Him and His people.



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

November 10—Valley Fourth Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's Conference

November 16—ESM board meeting

December 20—Mending Fences, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting

Visiting Partnering Churches:

December 8—Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA

December 15—Valley Fourth Church, Spokane Valley, WA

December 22—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA (Our Home Church)

December 29—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA

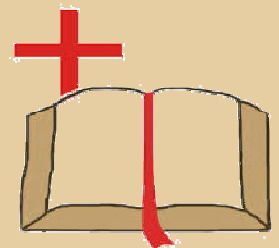
January 5—Elk Community Church, Elk, WA

Setting up new office—December 20-31

February 8—ESM Board Meeting

February 9 & 16—Lifeline Ministries, Colville, WA

TO SUMMIT UP



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

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