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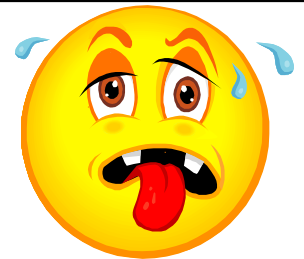
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## Guess What? I'm NOT Twenty Any More . . .



It's taken me awhile to realize that I am not twenty years old any more. Apparently I'm just a little slow. I was born in 1948, so sixty (that's six decades) is just around the corner. My mind tries to tell me that I'm twenty, but my body says it's not telling me the truth. I find that doing ordinary things like yard work, taking a walk and trying to play a little softball causes me to be aware of parts of my body that never seemed to hurt before. My energy level is lower and at times I just have to sit down and take a brake. My mind tells me I can do things that my body refuses to do and I'm finding that I have to take pain relievers more than I ever have before. There was a time when I could drive bus four or five days a week, teach at Moody, have a full weekend of ministry with preparations and additional meetings during the week and keep up with family matters.

This is a reminder of the need to plan for the future of Eagle Summit. The real test of any ministry is what remains when we are gone . . . and we will all be gone. I have discussed this with our board and will continue to do so. The mission of Eagle Summit must continue. My dream is to have another team member that could help serve at least part time for the present and full time in a few years. This involves an increase in our budget and a substantial increase in our donation base. I am well aware that this is only possible if it's God's plan. God directs us through time, energy and resources. It is our responsibility to seek God direction and be sensitive to His direction and redirection.



We will continue to plan for the future and continue to work to serve the pastors of the small and rural churches. The need is real and the fields are truly "white unto harvest." The opportunities are limitless. You help make it possible for us to do what we are convinced God has directed us to do.

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## Blessings & Challenges

We are currently \$1,900 behind in our budget with summer approaching. Past history has shown that giving is generally slower during the summer months as well. We also have fewer ministry opportunities scheduled for this summer than ever before. **(STOP THE PRESSES . . . I WAS JUST READY TO TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER TO BE PRINTED AND RECEIVED TWO PHONE CALLS REQUESTING US TO HELP WITH TWO WEEKS OF CAMP AND A WEEK OF VBS. THIS IS A DIRECT ANSWER TO PRAYER. WE WANT TO SERVE AND BE USED BY GOD.)** This convergence of low income and fewer ministry opportunities gives us a reason to pray fervently and continue to seek God's clear direction. We have plenty to do as far as preparation, ministry contacts, writing, web page development and office and resource organization. We do need your continued prayer and financial support to meet needs for the next few months especially. I am tempted in the flesh to say, "Why pray when I can worry," but we continue to trust God to meet needs and direct. Our responsibility is to remain sensitive God's leadership as the directs and redirects.

We are doing our best to be good stewards of the resources God loans us through you. We are still looking for a ministry replacement van, but until God makes the financial picture clearer, our search will be on a back burner. With increased fuel costs, we've been using our personal vehicle whenever possible to save on expenses.

We have canceled our office phone service to save another expense. It is actually more practical to just use our cell phone for ministry contacts. With other responsibilities, I am not able to be at the office on a daily basis, so most of the phone contacts are messages. We have been listed in the phone book in the church section, so at least half of the messages or more left on our phone have been from individuals seeking financial assistance. I've been tempted to phone them back and ask for their help.

We are continuing to ask God for 10-15 more churches to consider prayer and financial support. We presently have 5 churches that have partnered with us. If you would continue to pray and give as God directs, that would be a great encouragement.

**In addition to prayer, there is something that you might consider doing to help us.** Would you tell one Christian friend about our ministry? If you need more information, urge that friend to contact us or direct them to our web site. You might also ask the appropriate leader at your home church if they are aware of Eagle Summit and the purpose of our ministry. There is a great opportunity to partner with smaller churches in rural communities to not only encourage a Pastor and his family, but to also develop an ongoing relationship with an entire community.



Have we overlooked the "Judea" in our own backyard? There are mission fields only hours away where teens and adults from larger churches could effectively communicate the Gospel in rural communities through VBS programs, teen outreach and special community events. There is no necessity of learning another language or understanding another culture. Establishing a continuing relationship would be extremely beneficial for all. Consider this prayerfully.

## News of Our ESM Board of Directors

We have had some changes on our board of directors. Our new President is Rev. John McCain. John has been personal friend for thirty years and a part of our board for two years. He is presently seeking God's direction for future ministry. With John's heart for the Lord, enthusiasm and experience in ministry he is a great asset to our team.



We will also miss the enthusiasm of our friend, Don Anderson. Don has "retired" from our board due to obligations of his Family Ministry at His Place Church in Post Falls, Idaho. Don, thank you for your servants heart. May God continue to use you.

## Thoughts from Diane . . . God's Temple



When I think of God's Temple, I think of purity, holiness, beauty, magnificent perfection and our Creator Who chose to dwell with man in a fallen world.

God's prophet, Haggai lived in the time of King Darius. God made His will known to His people. He wanted the Temple brought back from ruin. His people we're bold in their defiance. They said it wasn't time. God responded, "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

I Corinthians 3:16 tells us, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" God's physical Temple in Jerusalem lies in ruin waiting for a future time when it will serve God's purpose again. Now, in this time, we live with God's Spirit in us. Could He be speaking to you about rebuilding your life? Do you live a life of purity, holiness, reflecting the beauty of Christ, selflessness and studying to become more like Christ every day?

Let me share a few more thoughts God had for His people. God was harsh in His assessment of where His people were in their lives.

Haggai 1:5-6 "Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." The next verse, verse 7, adds emphasis. "This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

There's not a lot of compassion here for God's people. We live in a rich society. I'm reminded of that all the time and have the same struggles everyone has. How much is enough? I want to stand tall and run into the arms of Jesus but I'm probably going to fall at His feet at seeing the splendor of His Holiness. How many tears will there be for lack of crowns to present to Jesus.

Study God's Word. Let it change you. Don't be defiant by being lazy and distracted. Allow God to build you up. Remember, it's a personal relationship between you and an Almighty God. It's not anyone's responsibility to do the building but yours alone. Please, listen and get to work.

**Standing Firm , Diane I Corinthians 15:58**

### The Three Challenges of Serving God's Servants



1. A Pastor must ADMIT there is a need.
2. A Pastor must TRUST someone enough to consider asking for help.
3. A Pastor must ASK for assistance.

Sounds a lot like the same steps that we must follow to accept Christ as personal Savior, don't they?

One challenge from the earliest days of our ministry has been to assure Pastors that we have no designs on their pulpit. We are available to assist them in any way possible. We are there to serve them. I could not do what Pastors of the smaller rural churches do. This is a definite calling. These Shepherds and their wives give their lives for the sheep of these rural communities.

All too often, these Shepherds find out that sheep bite, some sheep have steel wool, some sheep stink and others have diseases. The Shepherd may find out also that some sheep are simply stubborn, others are just plain stupid and others are loners and refuse to stay with the herd. Some sheep believe they are the Shepherd. Some of the flock may even lay on their backs in a rich lush pasture and bleat,

"Feed me. Feed me. Feed me." The frustrations can seem endless, but the blessings of fulfilling the calling in one's life are eternal. There is no more satisfying place to be than in the bull's eye of God's will. Keep in mind, that "bull's eye" represents a target and the enemy will continue to take his best shots at us.



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

May 27 -Loomis Community Church, Loomis, WA  
June 3 - ESM board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane, WA  
June 16-30 -Travel to Minnesota / Vacation  
July 9-12 - Juliaette Community Church VBS, Juliaette, ID  
July 31-Aug 3 - Alacca Bible Camp, Harpster, ID / Junior Camp  
September 8-9—Mission's Conference at Elk Community Church

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