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## The Enemy Is Alive and Well

One of Satan's most effective tactics is attempt to keep our witness and ministry service ineffective. To accomplish this goal, one of his attacks is discouragement. The enemy knows he cannot ultimately defeat us, but he can attempt to keep our voice silent or at least dulled. The past few months have held several challenges only the enemy could orchestrate.

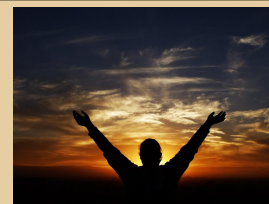
While our son has been in and out of emergency with serious health issues over the past eight months, Diane has had her own health challenges and an ongoing situation at work that we thought might cause her to lose her job. One accusation was that she "talked about God all the time."

While our son was in the hospital, Diane's Mom was also seriously ill and near death. When Diane was able to leave to fly back to spend a few last days with her Mom, she wound up stranded in Denver. A snow storm forced the closure of the Minneapolis airport. She was able to get back to Spokane, but could not rebook a flight for three more days. She was finally able to spend a few days with her Mom and shortly after Diane came back home, on March 1st, Diane's Mom passed away. Plans were made in advance to take care of final arrangements with the family this summer.

Our son's health and other complications, Diane's health, her ongoing job situation, weather challenges making it difficult to see her Mom and her Mom's death, all combined to create a very discouraging couple of months. Our only assurance was to remember that God is in control of every situation. We were driven to our knees on several occasions and on our knees is not a bad posture. Like David, we prayed, "Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!" Psalm 4:1

God's refresher courses are not always the most pleasant, but there is no more effective way to learn from the Master. We must make a purposeful choice to trust God or not, to get angry or frustrated at circumstances, or rest in the truth of God's word. As James states, we are to "count it all joy." "Count" is an accounting term. We must analyze the facts and purposefully determine to not allow the enemy to defeat us through discouragement.

**For those of who faithfully pray for us, THANK YOU. We need your constant prayer support.**



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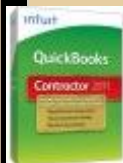
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## Here's An Opportunity to Help Us With Some Software Needs

You may have contacts or have the ability to help us financially.



1. We could wisely use QuickBooks Pro 2011. This would especially help us with tracking expenses and make end of the year reporting and IRS 990 requirements easier to meet.
2. After the theft of my computer and hard drive backup the summer of 2009, the board recommended Carbonite to keep my information stored at a safe off-site location. It is time for renewal. A three years renewal saves 20% and costs \$129.95.



3. I have the Logos 3 Scholar's Edition Bible Study software system on my laptop. This saves me an immense amount of time in sermon and lesson preparation and gives me access to great study material. The Logos 4 software is now available. The Scholar's Platinum edition content upgrade is valued at over \$12,000 if purchased in hard copy format. The retail price is \$1,689.95. The sale price is \$1,325.70. We have some funds budgeted for software and books and we could make monthly payments, but with fuel expense increases and current budget challenges, we are not going to make this purchase until funds are secured. We are committed to being the best stewards we can be with the funds God gives us through you.



If you could assist with any of these items, please e-mail or phone me for details.

Thank you for considering helping us serve others with these tools.

## VAN UPDATE

YOU CAN HELP: PRAY AS GOD REMINDS YOU.  
GIVE AS GOD IMPRESSES & ENABLES YOU.

You **ARE** Making a Difference

THANK YOU, SO MUCH



**\$26,500**



**GIVEN TO DATE  
JUNE 2011**

We are adjusting the date to reach our goal, reflecting current giving.

**GOAL  
MAY 2012**

Current FUEL expenses present a significant challenge. Your extra gifts help keep us on the road.  
**\$14,500**

**We Are OVER Half  
Way to Our Goal.**





## Thoughts from Diane . . . "FIRE!"



God has blessed us over the years by allowing us to live in many fantastic places. One of those was Redondo Beach, California. I still recall the day we drove into the city and I smelled the fragrance of the ocean. I didn't travel at all as a child. Like most people, I stayed close to home. Then I met George and my life changed dramatically.

When we were nearing the end of our ministry at First Baptist in Redondo Beach, we had a house fire. We woke up in the middle of the night with the living room and kitchen blazing. I still remember George trying to tell the landlord in advance, that the gas heater didn't work right. He told him that he needed to send someone over to fix the wiring. I don't remember how many times he talked to the man but the message fell on deaf ears.



As a result, that night of terror happened and changed everything. We lost most of our earthly possessions. Even now we both occasionally still think, "I wonder what ever happened to . . .?" What I miss the most are the baby mementos. The beautiful lock of Benjamin's hair from his baby book is gone and forever will be. George II's original birth certificate became ashes. Dawna's baby book and many new born pictures were lost. I accepted the loss of the material possessions and realized we had our lives, however shattered they were from the

terror of those memories.

God has put my faith to the test many times over the years. He has always shown Himself faithful, even when I am not. Sometimes I've struggled with staving off bitterness in my life. This year has been one of those difficult ones. Bitterness has crept in and lodged itself deep into my soul. I've cried out to God and asked for help. "I don't understand!" Then the soft and gentle voice of God speaks to me in all of His great mercy. Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man (who's) delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by the streams of water that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

It's as simple as that. I haven't prepared myself for the trials of fire in advance. Have I meditated on who God is day and night? There are times that I can say that's true, but much of the time I'm ashamed to admit that I allow life to get in the way. So trials of all kinds come my way and just as our earthly house was not prepared to withstand the fire we had that night, my life so many times hasn't been prepared to withstand the spiritual battles that God promises we'll have over a lifetime. Day and night is a commitment that God tells us we must have in order to be prepared for life's fiery trials. There should be no excuses or blame thrown toward God when we don't prepare ourselves the way God has already instructed in His Word.



### Partnering Through Prayer

- Continue to pray for our son, George II. His health is stable and he's scheduled to see a neurologist July 22nd. In addition to the blood clots, he may have a cyst behind his right knee. This may be the cause of much of his intense pain.
- Please continue to pray for our faithful volunteer bookkeeper, Grace Trescott and her husband Bob, as Grace undergoes nine more chemotherapy treatments over the next few months.

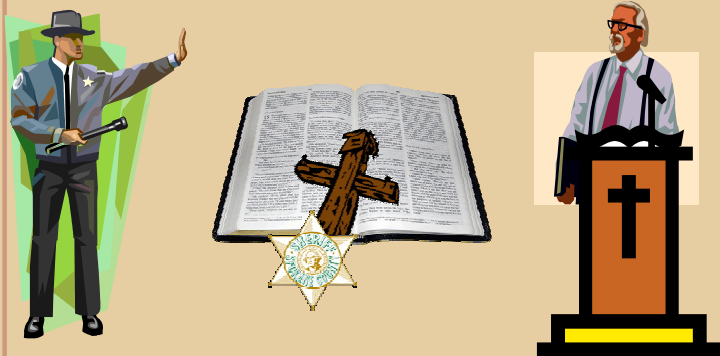


- PRAISE: Diane has been feeling better and the school year has finally ended.
- Pray for safety as we travel, effectiveness in ministry and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.



**Our Continuing Mission Focuses On:**

# **"Serving God's Servants"**



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

- April 30—ESM Board meeting, New Hope Bible Church
- May 8—Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA
- May 15—Mission's Conference, Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
- May 16/June 20—Leadership Team Meeting, Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA
- May 22—Lind Community Church, Lind, WA
- June 12—Upwards Soccer Assembly, Real Life Church, Spokane Valley, WA
- June 26-29—Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID
- July 1-16—Minneapolis trip
- July 17—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA
- July 17-21—Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp (11-12)
- July 24-28—Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp (9-10)

**TO SUMMIT UP**

**We're 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?  
Contact us by phone or e-mail. We are here to serve.