

## Eagle Summit Ministry

### CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches  
and their pastors.

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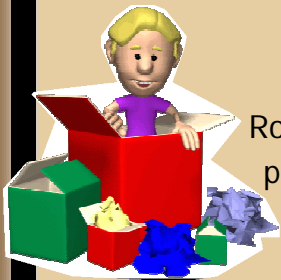


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## Spiritual Gifts . . . Are They for Today?

Romans 12:6-10 lists seven motivational gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Paul also emphasizes that every believer has at least one of these gifts. Yes, spiritual gifts are for today. Chuck Swindoll has stated that two of the greatest tragedies of the American church are (1) most Christians do not know their spiritual gift(s) and (2) if they do know their gift(s), they are not using their giftedness in the local church as God has intended. Some have estimated that only 3% of Christians are aware of their spiritual gift and are actually using that gift in their local church. Could this be one of the reasons we have so little eternal impact on our culture? Are we so busy working at perfecting our corporate image that we are neglecting to boldly and lovingly proclaim the truth of the Gospel to a needy world?

- G** – **God** Gives the Gift
- I** – **I** must accept and use the Gift
- F** – **Free** Nothing can be done to EARN a GIFT
- T** – **Thank** God for the Gift (attitude of gratitude)

The primary motivational tool in most churches is GUILT. Programs tend to be our focus. We can allow an over emphasis on programs to shape how people serve. We should focus on filling the need of the individual's heart, not the need of the program. With a heavy primary emphasis on programs, DUTY can become the force that drives our service. God intended our service to be an overflow of our relationship with Him, driven by our God-given passion and gifts.

If you are interested in learning more about knowing and using spiritual gifts, contact us to see if a workshop on this topic would be a benefit for you and your church. We can host a seminar adjusted to your church schedule. This may be exactly what God could use to bring a greater sense of oneness to your ministry, deepen spiritual maturity and see lasting growth, spiritually and numerically. Imagine a church where every leader and layman knew and used his/her spiritual giftedness as God intended. Certainly our culture would be impacted and influenced in life-changing ways. **Do you know your spiritual gift? Are you using it as God intended?**

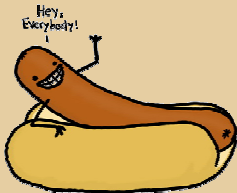
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**I AM AWESOME**

## Are You Improving Your Image?

A student once shared with me that the Christian college he was attending was, "All image, it's all about image." The heart of this ministry did not match the exterior. Everything looked godly and upright, but things were not as they appeared. The goal was not truly to promote the Gospel and a godly lifestyle, but to promote their own agenda. The temptation of many churches and para-church ministries can be to focus on enhancing the corporate image. The reasoning behind this is that by enhancing one's image, our culture can be more effectively influenced.

Certainly, Jesus was not concerned about image. If that were the case, He would not have walked this earth in relative obscurity as the son of a Jewish carpenter from Nazareth. His focus was not merely to influence, but to change the heart of mankind. A friend in ministry I met in Libby, MT some years ago, Victor Knowles, writes in "Viewpoint" / The Knowlesletter February 2011, Scripturally, our focus should "center on proclaiming the truth with love and boldness, regardless of the culture?"

As we are all well aware, appearances can be truly deceiving. Some of the most sensational ministries are making little if any eternal impact on our culture. On the other hand, ministries which seldom if ever come to the public's attention are impacting eternity in tremendous ways. One ministry that is impacting eternity is guided by our friend, Dick Shanks. Able Ministry is funded and directed by Dick and a few other faithful men who sponsor 144 national missionary pastors in 6 African nations. 100% of the funds donated go directly to the ministry with no overhead expenses. In the month of January of this year alone, there were reported nearly 57,000 1st time commitments to Christ. Over the ministry's 10+ year history, there have been 1,767,947 decisions for Christ. They are laboring quietly "behind the scenes," but making a loud noise in Heaven. 😊

If you or your local church is considering supporting an effective foreign mission's outreach contact: Dick Shanks at Able Ministry /Able Label at 509.928.9657 or write: Abel Ministry, 3808 N. Sullivan Road, Bldg. N14, Spokane Valley, WA 99216



***Your Investment WILL Make an Eternal Difference.***

**OUR 2011 PROJECT**  
**YOU CAN HELP:**  
**PRAY AS GOD REMINDS YOU.**  
**GIVE AS GOD IMPRESSES & ENABLES**

You **ARE** Making a Difference



**\$26,500**

**GOAL**

**MAY 2011**



**GIVEN TO DATE**  
**MARCH 2011**

**\$14,500**

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



## Thoughts from Diane . . .

### Blissful Ignorance / False Peace

We were very young, my older brother and I. He may have been six and I was a grown up four year old. Our family lived one block away from the Minneapolis (international) airport. The only thing that separated our house from the runway was a fence. My big brother and I got the clever idea to climb that fence. I can still see myself climbing over the top and following Robert on to the runway. I remember how huge it all was. We started walking down the long black expanse and the next thing I



saw was a plane coming straight for us. I still remember seeing the propellers up close and personal as it lifted off just before running us over. Next came the squad car with that famous red bubble light on the top then we were piled into the car and taken home. I definitely remember fear when I saw my house, trying to make myself very small in the back seat.

I was having such a wonderful experience when our adventure started. I was blissfully ignorant of the danger. Life can be pretty nice when you start out exploring a new world. It was a good time for my brother and me. That day started out to be fun but I was living with a false peace. Age gives more definition to the words “danger” and “trouble.” “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

The past few months, our family has had the very foundation of our faith tested in many ways. We've experienced major health concerns with some life and death crossroads. It just hasn't stopped, but actually increased with time and in its intensity. I sit here tonight fighting real discouragement and even waves of despair. I know my light comes from entering the throne room of God and unburdening all of these earthly concerns to Him. The next few words in Roman's 5:1-5 have phrases and words like “grace in which we stand,” “rejoice” and “hope of the glory of God.” Then in verse three it says this: “More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance . . .”



All life is like being on that runway. There are dangers, excitement, joy and sorrows. My peace truly comes from spending time reading God's Word and in the throne room of God in prayer. That's when we're able to surpass these earthly bonds and find a hope that will lead us home to an eternity of real, unending peace with a Savior Who loved us enough to give His life for us. I will continually **CHOOSE** to praise His Holy Name.

**I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane**

## Partnering Through Prayer — Thank YOU for Standing with Us



- Continue to pray for our son, George II. It will take about six months for the clots to dissolve. When George told the doctor that he felt weak at times, I listened to the doctor say, “Well, you were hit by Mack truck and you're lucky to be alive.” That kind of put things into perspective for me. He remains on Coumadin and hopefully can return to work soon. Keep praying for a speedy and complete recovery.
- Things have calmed some on Diane's school bus route. She still needs a time of peace. Diane has always seen her job as a ministry and the opportunity to help instill character

into the lives of the students she transports and an opportunity to build relationships with students and parents to ultimately share the Gospel. The enemy has other plans. Continue to pray for her health; she has another staff sinus infection along with battling pneumonia and a yeast infection.

- 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.
- Continual prayer for safety as we travel
- Effectiveness in ministry and sensitivity to the leadership of the Holy Spirit



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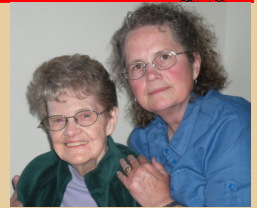
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As this newsletter is being typed (February 24th), Diane is in Minneapolis with her Mother, Doris. Doris is 91 years old and not expected to live, following a second heart attack and other health complications. Diane left Spokane on Sunday the 20th, but had to return from Denver because flights into Minneapolis were cancelled. She was not able to rebook her flight until Wednesday. She has finally made it to Minneapolis, but not her luggage. It's in either Phoenix or St. Louis. Doris is alert at times and aware that she is dying.



**Pray for God to allow clarity of mind and His grace to work in Doris' heart.**

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

February 5—ESM Board Meeting / New Hope Bible Church

February 2—Valentine Banquet, Opportunity Baptist, Spokane Valley, WA

February 14—AWANA Club, Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA (3 salvation decisions)

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

Spiritual Gifts & Learning Styles Workshop

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

June 26-29—Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID

July 1-16—Minneapolis/Mid-West trip

July 17-29 (approximate dates) - Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp (Planning stage)

**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?

**TO SUMMIT UP**