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Pray for God to Use Us This Summer in Ministry . . .



Summer tends to be our busiest time of the year for ministry. Last summer I spoke nearly seventy times in a six week period. That makes for a full schedule when considering preparation time and travel. It is great to be used, but I'm finding out I'm not twenty any more. We would appreciate a note letting us know you are praying for us. That is always encouraging.



**Remember to let your Pastor know you are praying
for him and his family also.**

PRAYER LIST:

- Safety in travel
- Freedom from mechanical failure or the grace and finances to deal with them
- For God to use us to reach hearts and see Him change lives
- For health and rest between meetings
- For financial needs to continue to be met
- God's peace and wisdom in dealing with several humanly impossible situations
- God's encouragement so we can encourage others

One of our greatest encouragements is to hear of those who have accepted Christ as a result of our ministry. At a recent children's club, one of the leaders came up after we shared the Easter message and let me know that two of the junior age girls in her group accepted Christ as their personal Savior. It is a thrill to know that we can be used by God. That faithful leader took the time to care about the girls she was serving and made certain they understood what it meant to begin a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus. That's what real ministry is all about. Look for ways God can use you to make a difference for the Kingdom.

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ICPC Credentials Received

A few weeks ago, I was informed by assistant chaplain Ron Camp that I had completed the basic requirements to become a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. I'm not sure how many hours this involved over the past seven years, but I'm certain it's in the hundreds. Chaplain Keith, with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, has been encouraging all the assistant chaplains to complete certification, so I did. This was not high on my priority list, but I'm now officially "certified." Some of you already knew that, but this is a different kind of certification.

NOTE: Our local chaplaincy is hosting the ICPC conference this July 14-18 at the Double Tree Hotel here in Spokane. There are over 1,000 chaplains expected to attend and the first time it has been held in Spokane. Arnold is scheduled to speak at the Thursday evening banquet. Hope he can behave himself in public.

Moody Northwest Student Assisting . . .

A student nearing the completion of his bachelors degree at Moody Northwest is considering assisting in one of the churches we have been serving.

Jerry Roberts has traveled with me and plans to do so a few more times as he considers assisting in a church southwest of Spokane. Pray with Jerry as God directs his future. He wants to serve the Lord with the gifts God has given him. He has been a great encouragement personally and to our ministry. May his tribe increase.



Daryl Bursch Begins Life Impact Ministries

Over the past year, Daryl partnered with us as he laid the groundwork to incorporate Life Impact Ministries. Under this new non-profit umbrella, Daryl can fulfill his passion to assist churches and other ministries while continuing his leadership of the Christian Workers' Conference.

Life Impact Ministries is a partner ministry with us and allows the freedom needed to serve as God directs Daryl in church organization and leadership development. Pray for Daryl as God continues to use him for kingdom purposes.

Some Areas In Which You May Be Interested In Assisting Financially. . .

- Software Purchase - Logos Scholar's Bible Software - \$500
- Publication of "10 Questions" Outreach booklet - \$250

Children's Ministry Tools

Special object lesson materials
- \$100

Children's Church Curriculum
to assist smaller churches



QUOTATION CORNER

"It's difficult to give or receive hugs when

I Didn't Cry Yesterday

Just over six months ago, we received a phone call any parent would dread. It was from the medical staff at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham, WA who informed us of the serious vehicle collision that resulted in the death of our youngest son, Benjamin. During the past six months, we have had very few days without tears. There are constant reminders, often when we least expect it. I was driving today and a semi pulled along side. It was a "Benjamin Moore" Company vehicle. My thoughts raced to the accident scene involving a semi truck and the fact that I wanted to see our *Benjamin* one more time.



What makes one laugh or cry reveals a lot about a person's character and values. Frustration, disappointment, loss and separation often result in tears. Tears can make others feel uncomfortable, but true friendship can tolerate and even encourage tears. God does understand our tears. God invented tears. He made us to cry. Tears wash the heart.

The certainty of heaven and our ultimate reunion does not negate the fact and pain of separation. We have learned to drive and cry. We have learned to laugh and cry. We have learned to cry alone and in silence. We have learned to cry quietly at church. We have learned to expect tears. In fact, a day without tears has been unusual. I realized today that I did not cry yesterday.

I am reminded that Jesus wept. Were His tears over the loss of a friend or the unbelief of those closest to Him? The truth is that it was probably for both reasons that Jesus shed tears. In His humanness, He understood the loss and separation that death brings. He also was disappointed with those who loved Him the most, but still did not understand Who He really was and the power over death that was in His touch or in just a word.

Psalm 40:1-5

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.
- 5 Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

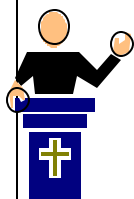
Randy and Sue, Betty, Vicki, Viola, Bill and Paula, Clay and Jewel, Uncle Ken and others close to our ministry who are living through the death of one close to the soul, be encouraged in the Lord with the fact that God sees and hears our tears. He is aware of our grief. Our tears are not wasted, but are part of cleansing of the soul. God's way, the only way . . . pray and cry and cry and pray. It's okay. It's God's way. We are looking forward with increased anticipation to the day when He will wipe away all tears.

Psalm 10:14 But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand.

Psalm 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.

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To Summit Up

Continuing ministry at Korean Presbyterian Church—Serving through August 2003—Working with Children, teens and Adult English Bible Study

3rd Sunday of each month - Benge Community Church, Benge, WA

May - Open for meetings during the week

June 8-13 @ Deary Community Church, Deary, ID * DVBS

June 16-19 @ Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA * DVBS

June 21-July 5 VACATION Travel to Minneapolis and return through Canada

July 6-24 @ Camp Cocolalla, Cocolalla, ID (Teen, Jr. High and Jr. Camps)

July 27-Aug 2 @ Camp McCullough, Tacoma, WA

August 11-15 @ KPCS VBS (?)

August 28 - Classes @ Moody Northwest begin

Fall - 3-4 months (2 Sundays/month) @ Grace EV Free, Osburn, ID — assisting with developing Children's Ministry

See Our New Web Page . . .

Stafford Studios (www.staffordstudios.com) is actively developing our ESM web site. Their professional assistance has improved our site by adding links, notes, resources and other practical information for Pastors and church leaders. Our newsletter is now available on line as well. Visit our site and keep up with our latest adventures.

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