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COMPUTER CHALLENGE . . . CHALLENGING OUR PATIENCE

"In this world, you will have tribulations / computers . . ."

Last September (2007), we began the process of changing out our office computer. I realized it was over ten years old. It still looked as good as the day we bought it. 😊 With the help of our board, we were able to locate a one year old computer at about 10% of the cost of a new computer. That was good.

Our initial challenge was trying to get the information out of the old computer to load into the new one. A computer-whiz friend came and installed a CD drive to make that possible. There were no USB ports and only a floppy drive (which newer computer towers no longer have), so it was impossible to transfer information. After the CD drive was installed, I learned that our old computer did not have enough memory to burn a CD. Now what?

Another accountant friend of our ministry came to the office, pulled the hard drive from our old computer and got the information on his laptop. Just when he was ready to install the information onto our new computer, he spilled a coffee on his laptop and had to take it in for major repairs. That was not good. The information was there, just not accessible until the repairs were completed. That mission was accomplished in about a week.

We were able to load the information into our new office computer, finally. That was good. Then we realized that the original information was in such an old format that the new program would not read it. That was not good. We had to order an updated version of the program we were using, but then realized that this was not the best version for our volunteer accountant to use to help with the necessary bookkeeping needs. This process has taken over five months at this point.

We then ordered the new program and have since learned that there are complications with formatting compatibility. As I am typing this adventure, I was finally able to get the quarterly receipts for our donors which we hope to have in the mail within a few days. (continued on page 2)

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(continued from page 1) There were a few mistakes in our last receipting because of complications due to this extended process. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter and would also ask for you to pray that we can get this situation resolved. We were aware that it would take some time to iron out the problems with changing computers, but we had no idea it would take this long. We are into our eighth month working on this.



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Personal Profile Process



After attending a recent training meeting, we are looking into ways we can serve churches more effectively by helping members find and use their spiritual giftedness. We will be sharing more information in the future as we develop this new phase of "Serving God's Servants."

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We Have An Exciting Opportunity At Hand . . . We've Been Praying About Ministry Van Needs

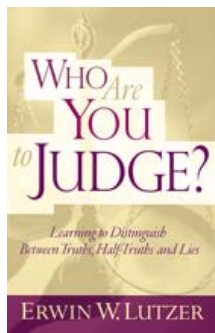
Along with our board and some of you, we have been praying about upgrading our 1993 Chevy van. It is going to require an engine replacement in the next eighteen months at a cost of about \$5,000.

A few weeks ago, a friend we met through our home church, New Hope Bible, pulled into our drive with a beautiful 1998 GMC Savana. He is selling it for \$7,000 (well below Blue Book) and thought of our ministry. It just happens to be black in color like our current van. It is in excellent mechanical and physical condition. It is exactly what we need to transport our ministry equipment and supplies.

In a recent Sunday visit with our supporting friends at Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, I mentioned this at the luncheon following the morning service. When I opened the mail a few days ago, these dear saints had sent a check for \$2,000 to go toward the van. I was surprised and encouraged, to say the least. Our board will help us decide what step to take next. Pray with us for wisdom.

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Pastors and Church Leaders, You MUST Read This Book.

Go to your favorite Christian book web source or local bookstore and get your copy of this insightful treatise by Erwin Lutzer. Understand how people have taken the “judge not” passage completely out of context, leaving many Christians confused as to how we must be discerning in a culture filled with lies. We must learn to discern between truth, half-truth and lies. Our churches are rampant with false teachers. We must be wise.



Family Update: Please Continue to Pray with Us.

- PRAISE: Our son, George II, has found employment 5 minutes from his home.
- George II's wife Shannon is still facing some health challenges.
- Grandchildren (George II's children) —Our son now has primary custody of the two younger children, Kaity (12) and Ben (7). The older two children, Joshua (16) and Shelby (15) will also be in his custody sometime in the next three months. There are some unique challenges connected with this that only God can bring to resolution. Pray for wisdom, right choices and discernment for all involved in decisions that need to be made.
- Diane's health — She is doing better. After consultation with two specialists, she has been able to refine a dietary regiment and is still awaiting some test results, but she is getting a handle on her current health problems. She has been slowly feeling better.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYER



Thoughts from Diane . . . Deception

I just finished reading a book by Randy Alcorn entitled *Deception*. The premise of the book is that things are not always as they seem. It's always hard to get to the end of a good, well written novel. It was interesting that I had no sooner finished the book, and I received a shocking, real life lesson that really startled me.

I've had a co-worker and friend of over twenty years that I thought I knew very well. He's not a Christian but I believed he would come to Christ. He's been very receptive to God's Word and even attended a Bible study some time back. We don't see each other very often but when we do it's always good to catch up. So, I was completely thrown off guard when he started into a conversation filled with rage about how there are many ways to God, how homosexuality is just as viable a life choice as traditional marriage and that Christians are nothing more than a bunch of bigots. I saw the hatred in his eyes and I knew it was directed at me also. I tried to speak to him softly as God's word teaches but he would have no part of that. I spoke to him about having a standard of truth upon which he bases his faith. I told him that I believe the Bible is God's Word to mankind and also the very words of God. I also tried to share with him my personal faith. None of it mattered as this anger spewed out of every word he spoke. I thought I knew this man. Then I realized that he has a choice as we all have and that the path he's chosen is not toward God. I was just not prepared to see a friend who was open to God, turn so dramatically the opposite direction. This was the face of my enemy, not my friend. I'm praying God will change that relationship through the miracle of salvation.

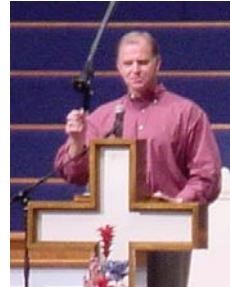
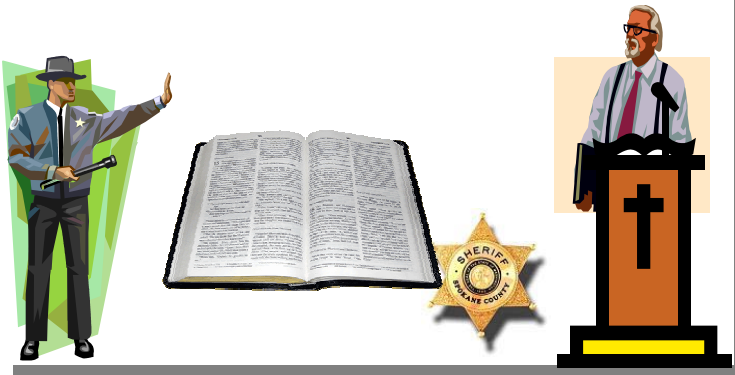
Dr Erwin Lutzer said in his book, *Slandering Jesus*, “Spirituality without truth leads to dazzling deception.” My friend spoke with spiritual loftiness but with only his thoughts of right and wrong, to be his guide for life. He is greatly deceived. This verse comes to mind. I Peter 3:15 “but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” That conversation reminded me again that God has work for us to accomplish until He calls us home, I urge you to be prepared.

- Standing Firm, Diane - I Corinthians 15:58

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SPRING PASTORS' CONFERENCE

April 22-24, 2008 **REPORT**



We were able to attend this conference along with about fourteen pastors and some of their wives. Pastor Ron Schafer focused on the need to be discerning and learning to judge wisely. What a wonderful time of fellowship and a great challenge to remain faithful to God's Word when so many no longer believe in absolute truth and God's standard.

The fall retreat is scheduled for October 28-30, 2008. Pastor, if you are reading this, you need to mark your calendar now. You will be challenged and encouraged as never before to be a faithful shepherd and to finish strong.

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

- April 13—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, Lake Roosevelt, WA
- April 18-20—Camp ALACCA, Grangeville, ID
- April 22-24—STEPS Conference, Foothills Community Church
- May 18—ESM Board Meeting
- June 16-20- Visits with area pastors / STEPS information
- June 30-July 2—Pinecroft Junior Camp, Newport, WA
- July 11-Family Outreach, Morgan Acres Church, Spokane, WA
- July 14-18-Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID
- July 21-25- Summer Family VBS, Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA
- July 28-August 1- VBS, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
- August 3-7- VBS, Juliaetta Community Church, Juliaetta, ID
- August 9-21 Family Trip to Minnesota (tentative plan)



We are praying for 10 more churches to officially partner with us to “Serve God’s Servants.” Your church could be one.