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## GOD'S ENCOURAGERS

One of the Kindest Acts of Encouragement  
Ever Done for Us . . .



In the face of some ongoing family challenges, including our son, George II's loss of his job, his wife Shannon's ongoing battle with cancer, personal and ministry finance strains, the death of a friend, the anniversary date of Ben's death, Diane's brother Jim's health challenges (he nearly died from a MERSA infection), Diane's Mother's declining health, Diane's health and ministry challenges, there has been plenty to keep before the Lord in prayer. We try to not think about all the challenges at the same time. In our humanness, it is easy to become overwhelmed with the struggles of life.

Thankfully, we know this is the temporary part of our journey of life. The lasting part, Heaven, lies just ahead, maybe just around the next corner. Staying faithful and encouraged is often the immediate challenge. The enemy does his best to keep believers under the pressures of life in an attempt to silence us concerning God's goodness and His plan for us. A depressed and discouraged believer is seldom if ever effective in sharing the Gospel message or encouraging others. The clouds of depression, defeat and discouragement often loom on the horizon, but as the eagle, we desire to rise above the storm and soar in sunlight of His presence. God uses YOU to help us soar.

Last Wednesday evening, a friend from Community Bible Fellowship in Kettle Fall, WA phoned. He asked how he and the congregation of their church could pray for us. I shared a few challenges and we talked for a bit. The next day, he phoned me again and asked if he and three other men from the church could come down and meet with me for prayer. What an incredible encouragement to think that they would even consider taking the time to do that. On Friday, we met at a restaurant in the Mead area. It was such a lift to my soul to have these men drive down to meet with me. They wanted to learn more about our ministry. It was good to get to know them. I also joked with them about something similar that happened to me a number of years ago. I met a man through the chaplaincy who contacted me and asked to meet me for lunch. He wanted to "learn more about our ministry." It turned out he just wanted me to sign up for a "business opportunity." I was of course not interested and adding insult to injury, I had to pay for my own lunch. Before I left home, I facetiously said to Diane to pray that this was not a similar situation. Of course, it was not.

Pictured at the right: Don Williams, Dawaine Shoemaker, Darrell Shute,  
& Pastor H. Peter Germann

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**"Serving God's Servants"**

## Blessings & Challenges

We have recently been able to replace our 12 year old office computer and printer. They have been a bit of a frustration for the last two years especially each time we do receipting. Our printer has worked inconsistently and it has been impossible to backup financial information because our old computer does not have a USB port, does not have enough memory to write a CD and using a floppy disc would not work because there is too much information and our newer laptop does not have a floppy drive. We have a friend of the ministry who is helping us get the information off our old hard drive and hopefully on to the new computer.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE: SO YOU KNOW HOW TO PRAY WITH US . . .**

As we complete this newsletter, we are about \$2,000 behind in our budget. Considering the past years eleven years of ministry, this is actually encouraging. We have had a slow, steady increase in giving each year. I know part of the reason for the necessity to have outside employment is so that I can relate to many we serve in local churches. A number of pastors we assist are bi-vocational. Their local churches are not able to provide a livable salary, so outside employment is required. This adds increased stress and stretches time challenges to the limit for these pastors. We can directly relate to these challenges.

With recent needed repairs, our savings account for our ESM van is depleted. Maintenance is inevitable. It would be encouraging to see this fund replenished. Pray with us that we could meet our 2007 budget and end the year in the black and totally debt free as a ministry. What a great way to enter 2008. If it doesn't work out that way, that's O.K. too. God's still in charge—thankfully!

**We continue to pray for 10-15 more churches to be prayer & financial partners.**

### **Family Challenges: Please pray with us.**

- Shannon's Health—Our son, George II's wife, Shannon, is battling cancer that has invaded the bone in her jaw. We are not certain of treatment options at this point or the prognosis. They do not have health insurance, so the situation is complicated because they cannot afford aggressive medical care. They are awaiting alternative assistance.
- Diane's brother Jim's health (battling MERSA infection, financial struggles, spiritual need, facing loss of home)
- George II—need for new employment after recent layoff.
- Grandchildren struggles—pray for wisdom and godly choices



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Before leaving, they huddled around me and prayed for us. they also handed me a generous love gift for the ministry. These men took the time and energy to drive down from Kettle Falls, took the time to get to know more of our heart and took the time to pray with me—what encouragers sent from God. I told them that I would remember for the rest of my life. This act of kindness, generosity and spiritual sensitivity was certainly of God at just the right time and just the right expression, exactly what my soul needed. What may have seemed like a small act was truly huge in our hearts. They also asked for more information so they could let other churches learn about what we do. May your tribe increase.

These men could have easily said, "This can never come together. It will take too much time to do this. What good will this really accomplish? How will we ever find time when all our schedules will coincide?" They put all the negatives aside and responded to God's prompting and did what God directed them to do. This encourages me to be even more faithful and determined to continue fulfilling the passion God has placed in my heart.

What a neat group of godly men. Thank you for what you did to encourage us and for your ongoing faithful prayer support.



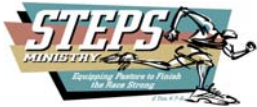


# CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

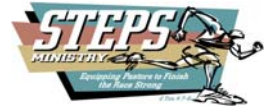


If you'd like to help with one or more of these areas,  
please designate your gift.

- 4 winter tires with wheels (about 6,000 miles / available from our mechanic) — \$200
- Total debt retirement—\$1,200
- DVD series — Creation/Evolution—\$60
- Financial Freedom DVD series (to make available for churches to borrow): \$350
- ESM Van savings fund



## GREAT FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE



We were challenged and encouraged by the teaching of Pastor Ron Schafer at the STEPS conference held at Foothills Community Church October 9-11. Twenty pastors were once again challenged to remain faithful to their calling. The spring conference will be held April 22-24, 2008.

"**STEPS**" = **S**criptural **T**raining & **E**quipping of **P**astors of **S**mall Churches



## Thoughts from Diane . . . Help Lord!

I love, absolutely love, having contact with children every day. I was off loading elementary children at their stops one afternoon recently and as I was leaving, I saw, in my rear-view mirror, one of the fifth grade girls reaching out and grabbing her little brother by the sleeve of his jacket and pulling him away from the road when he started to dart in front of an on-coming car. He was care free and laughing. He never saw any danger.

What a picture of Christ's protection for His children. How many times has He protected us from danger we never knew was there? There is so much evil in the world.

There are evil people who prey on the weak and damage lives forever. There are evil places that captivate and pull in those who are weak in faith and those who have no faith at all. Jesus reaches out and at times His children cling to Him, but there are times they pull away.

This world is harsh. I know children that have been abused in so many ways that at times it overwhelms me and I just want the evil to end. Someday it will, but until that day comes I will be in the midst of the pain and minister to those who are in need. I will share the love of Christ and His gift to mankind. I prayed yesterday that if God saw fit to use me, I am honored to serve in any place He needs me. Praise God He gave me these verses in Psalm 37:23&24 that so beautifully express His care.

"If the Lord delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand."

Content in the midst of God's plan and still . . . **Standing Firm, Diane - I Corinthians 15:58**



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**COULD YOUR CHURCH GET INVOLVED IN REACHING THEIR JUDEA?**

Here’s an idea for you and your church to consider. What about establishing an ongoing relationship with a small church in an outlying rural community?

Areas of assistance could include but certainly are not limited to:

- Praying faithfully for the Pastor and family
- Providing gifts for birthdays and holidays
- Assisting with Vacation Bible School and/or special outreach ministries
- Teen outreach
- Painting, repairs & yard work around the Church or community



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

September 13-15—Fellowship of Christian Performers Conference, Portland, OR

October 9-11—STEPS Conference, Foothills Community Church, Spokane, WA

October 21, 28—St. Maries, ID Pulpit Supply for Pastor Ed Kopf

October 31—Family Funfest, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA

November 4—Elk Community Church, Elk, WA

November 11— Southside Community Church, Spokane, WA

November 17— ESM Board Meeting

**AVAILABLE FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AS GOD OPENS DOORS.**

We are also available for pulpit supply even on short notice.

**To Summit Up**