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In Times of Uncertainty . . .



With the Holidays and a New Year fast approaching, the recent world financial crisis and high energy costs could dampen our joy. Unlike our government, most of us have had to face the hard facts and look for ways to reduce personal and business spending to balance our budgets. There is now serious discussion of a world bank and a one world economic system. This is the perfect setting for a one world leader to enter "on his white horse" and solve the world's financial dilemma. Sounds a bit like John in the Book of Revelation that will culminate in Christ's return, doesn't it?

Income for Eagle Summit has been affected as well. Could it be that God wants to get our attention? Could it be that God wants us to learn to trust Him more? If our security is dependant on our government, our bank accounts, our retirement funds or our own clever ideas, our security is misplaced and on an unstable foundation. When the earthquakes of life shake us to the core and we learn that our sources of human security are of no value what recourse do we have? Why is it that it seems so often that God has to take from us that which we value most to compel us to concentrate on Him?



The Old Testament prophet Habakkuk shared these thoughts for us today: Habakkuk 3:17-19 "Though the fig tree may not blossom (and stocks fall in value), nor fruit be on the vines (and our savings are depleted); though the labor of the olive may fail, (and 401K accounts diminish) and the fields yield no food (and my food budget is gone); though the flock may be cut off from the fold (and my gas tank is empty), and there be no herd in the stalls (and my utility bills keep increasing) --Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength; he will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills . . ." (NKJ)

No matter what the crisis, we can depend on the goodness of God. We can trust Him no matter what the circumstances. Job knew well the choice he had to make when he lost everything that was of any value to him in this life. He refused to become angry with God. He was more determined than ever to deepen his relationship with his Creator. The book of Job is a healthy reminder that our security is not on this earth, but in Heaven.

We recently received a letter from a new ministry starting up on the East coast. Their board set up a annual salary package of \$120,000, plus an additional \$18,000 ministry start up fund. Similar requests have been sent to churches where the Pastor received only \$800 - \$1,200 a month. These requests are realistic in their particular ministry settings. Because of other employment., we are able to meet personal needs with less dependence on ministry income This also means that our time and energy serving Pastors is limited. We will continue to serve as God enables us through you. Your prayers and financial gifts allow us to serve God's servants. THANK YOU.

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GIVING AND PRAYING OPPORTUNITIES



Sick Laptop Computer

Computer repairs / \$200 - \$250



To type this newsletter, I had to run my laptop image through our video projector. The screen does not function on my laptop. A backlight inverter was ordered. It was to take three to five days. It took a month to receive the part only to find out that was not the problem. Another part is on order. My laptop has become an invaluable tool with Bible programs for study and sermon preparation, e-mail and web contacts and hundreds of PowerPoint files. I can function without it, but it is an enormous timesaving tool. If you are so inclined, your gift would help get our ESM laptop back to health.

Budget deficit . . .

We have a current budget deficit of about \$3,300 which includes summer travel expenses and office supplies of about \$1,500 and a salary deficit of \$1,800. At our next board meeting, November 15th, we will set out budget for 2009. Our total budget for 2008 was set at \$48,720.00, about \$2,000 less than 2007. We do currently have over \$7,000 set aside for a newer ministry vehicle. Be assured that we are extremely diligent to use every penny wisely. Stewardship is a priority.

Receipting challenges

We continue to have a challenge with a change in software usage. We have updated to QuickBooks and are still finding some glitches. If there are mistakes in your giving receipts, please let me know so that we can correct them. Thank you for your patience.



Family Matters: Answered Prayer

The enemy knows that one of the most effective tactics in his arsenal to distract us from ministry and serving the Lord is to attack our families. Our children are often the specific target. At times, these attacks are incessant and impossible to ignore. Over the past year, our son, George II, has had a number of challenges involving defiant children (two daughters who have run away and refuse to attend school), health issues for his wife, Shannon, financial tests and child custody battles. We share this with you, our praying friends, because many of you understand. We know some of you have had similar personal experiences and you will pray with us. Pray that God will work in hearts and allow us a time of green pastures and still waters.

Some of you have known and prayed for Shannon and the cancer diagnosis she received. Her thyroid was removed some months ago and she had one round of chemotherapy. She was scheduled for a second treatment, but according to the latest tests, she is cancer free. She has some other health problems, but not the life threatening cancer threat. Thank you to all who have been praying with us. This is truly a positive answer to prayer.





ESM CHRISTMAS IDEAS



We use the ANIMATION FACTORY site regularly for additions to our PowerPoint presentations and documents. Your gift of \$75 will renew our annual subscription.



We would also like to purchase this tabernacle furniture set through In Touch Ministries.

A gift of \$275 will allow us to purchase this unique teaching tool.

We Can Use this Old Testament Tabernacle Model for Evangelism as well.

Features: 1:10 scale * Metal castings with electroplated finish * Excellent visual aid for teaching



We also have a series of new DVD's we would like to purchase to make part of our sharing library.



Thoughts from Diane . . .

PORK CHOPS & APPLESAUCE



I had leftover apples, some bruised, some old. Since we headed up to Green Bluff this past weekend I knew I needed to do something with the old apples before I restocked and I wasn't about to throw them away. So, I got out my pot, and after I baked a pie I started to cut the other ones up for cooking. With my schedule these days, I wasn't looking forward to the experience. I just needed to get it done. This morning I got out the old tried and true method to squish them. This method consists of colander and a wooden mallet that I've used ever since the kids were little. Guess what! While standing there, working a couple of muscles pushing the apples through I started to think about a lot of wonderful times with my children. When Mom made the applesauce, we'd be having pork chops. That's another memory I'll tell you about if you ask me. I was blessed! Cooking took a lot of practice for me. I knew nothing when I got married, but have gained skill after a lot of work and a lot of failures.

Last week I spoke to a teenager named Will. He'd spent eight months in drug rehab but decided the drugs made him feel good and started using again. "I'm on them right now," he said. I told him "Will, you are so valuable. You were made for more than that." That night I got such a heavy burden for him. The next day he sat by the front of the bus and he said life wasn't worth living. I again repeated to him how valuable he was. Then I said more. I told him that one of the things I thought about as a young person was getting up for school, eating, going to school, coming home and sleeping just to go start it all over didn't make much sense to me. I shared how God showed me that there was more and he could know that also. I asked him if he had a Bible. He said he had two. I told him to open it to the Book of John and read and ask God to show him how he could have real purpose. I was blessed to share!

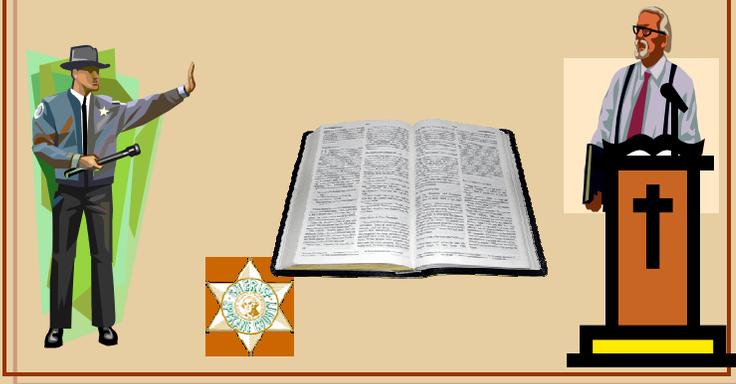
I didn't know much about God's Word when I first came to understand I was a sinner. Through a lot of effort memorizing and many awkward attempts at telling others my testimony, I am now comfortable sharing God's purpose for life with others. I enjoyed the fruit of my labor this morning, but sharing God's purpose for life with Will is the kind of fruit that matters for eternity. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

I Corinthians 15:38 Standing firm! Diane

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NEW TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

Many of you are aware that I have been an adjunct professor at Moody Bible Institute for the past seventeen years and that I also have been driving school bus part-time ways to supplement our income. Diane also drives school bus full time. In late June, Mr. Alan Orr passed away. He was on our pulpit supply list and also taught at Moody and Valley Christian School. The administration at Valley Christian contacted me and asked if I would consider teaching. Initially this involved two classes which turned into four. I am now teaching 11th and 12th graders, 3/4 time at VCS, driving school bus very little and finishing this semester at Moody. I was asked to teach next semester at Moody, but it simply will not work into my schedule.

I have had some distinct challenges at VCS and expect to have more. The door of ministry was opened and our board encouraged me to pursue this opportunity. God is still teaching me new things. I need your continued prayers.



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



August 3-7—VBS, Juliaetta Community Church, Juliaetta, ID

August 8—Mending Fences /leadership meeting

August 31—Elk Community Church / A.M. Special Outreach, FBC, ST. Maries, ID

Due to lack of registration, the STEPS conference scheduled for October has been canceled. The spring conference is still scheduled. Dates will follow in later newsletters.

November 15, Board Meeting / 9:00 a.m.

November 15—Mending Fences leadership meeting / 5:30 p.m.

We are assisting Sundays at Elk Community Church through men on our pulpit supply list.

Pastors, we are available for pulpit supply as needed.

We continue to pray for 10 more churches to PARTNER with us to “Serve God’s Servants.” Would your church consider TEAMING UP with us?