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“Serving God’s Servants”



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

Aug 20—Mending Fences Fellowship leadership team, Spokane, WA
July 29/Aug 5 & 12—New Creation Fellowship, Blanchard, ID
Sept 8—ESM board Meeting
Sept 17/Oct 15—Mending Fences Fellowship leadership team, Spokane, WA



We Are Available for Pulpit Supply, Even on Short Notice.

Need a speaker for a creative outreach program, AWANA or Kid's Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid's camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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small and rural churches
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There's Still an Opportunity to Pray and Give Van Repair & Maintenance Fund

\$1, 600 Already Given Toward Our Goal of \$2,500.



Thanks to several generous donors, current expenses have been covered and we have some funds toward the additional repair that will be needed when parts are available. Without your prayers and financial encouragement, our work would be limited if not impossible. God uses you to encourage and motivate us so we can encourage God's servants and the saints they serve in small and rural ministries.

Even a small amount toward meeting this goal is helpful. We are constantly humbled by the gifts of those on limited incomes. This motivates us to stay faithful. There are those of you who have supported us faithfully for over twenty years. A heart felt **THANK YOU** seems so trite, but we are deeply grateful for you as well. You are truly the wind beneath these old wings. We continue to flap and soar as God gives us the energy to do so. If you are able and impressed, indicate with a note that you wish your gift used for the **“VAN.”**

As most of you know, we have a very tight budget. Currently, our General Fund is the lowest it has been in the past ten years. This is a test of our faith. Eagle Summit has no debt and our board helps us operate in an extremely frugal manner. We continue to pray that larger churches will see the vision we have to serve the smaller churches through ESM and that God will lay it on the hearts of new donors to partner with us. As our donor base ages, a number are no longer able to give financially because of limited incomes, or because checks are not available in Heaven. 🙏

Pray with our board for clear direction for the future. We want to continue to serve God as He opens doors of opportunity. We also want to be open to any changes God may have for us. God directs through human means, whether it is time, finances, health, passion or relationships. Our challenge is to be open to His direction and willing to go through the doors He opens and not to try to kick down the doors we think should be open. As we begin our twenty-third year of ministry through Eagle Summit, we again renew our commitment to serve God's servants.

While I was attending seminary in Minneapolis in the early 1970's, I remember a particular Tuesday when we were struggling financially as a young married couple. Our refrigerator had broken in the apartment we rented. Our old air conditioner frosted up, so we could keep milk and **(continued on next page)**

a couple of other items cold on the ice that built up. I knew I had enough gas in our bug to get back and forth to work at my job in St. Paul for just that day. I came home after classes and got the mail. I opened the letter I was fairly certain was not a bill. Inside was a \$5.00 bill with the words from Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." I thought of that as "Angel Money." No one but God knew of our need. That \$5.00 was just enough to fill up our VW gas tank (Yes, that was possible in the 70's) and allow us to get milk and bread. That was just what we needed to get us through until payday that Friday.

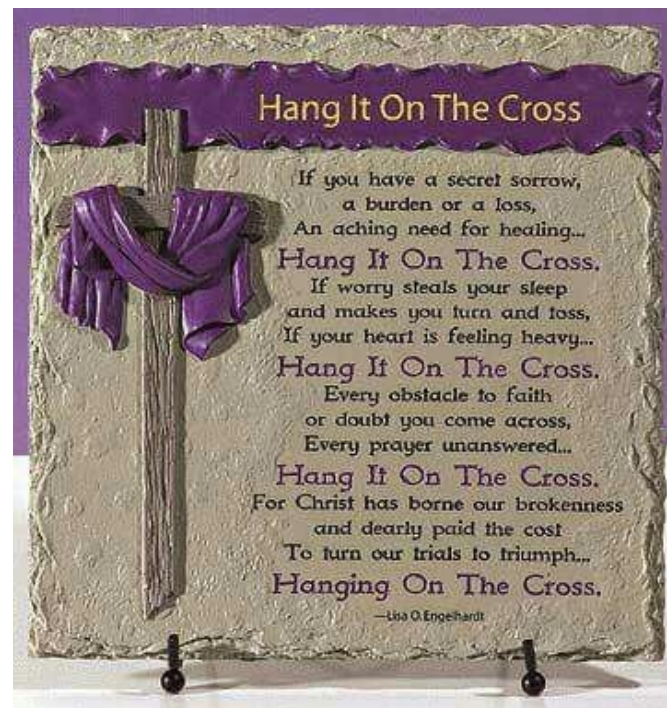
It is easy to forget that God knows our every need. What we think we need and what we actually need may be very different. God helps us sort that out by not giving us what is trivial, the nonessential. He also knows when we need a "Faith Lift." Nearly fifty years later, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and provision. God met our need then and He continues to do the same for us today. 🙌

We must also remember that God is well aware of other needs as well. It may be emotional needs, spiritual needs, relationship needs or health needs. The health area has been our greatest personal challenge over the past five years. Between our son, "G2" and Diane's health challenges, we have been in the ER over thirty times. For awhile, there seemed to be a competition between the two of them to see who could rack up the most ER "reward points." We went for about a year with no ER visits until recently.

For the past twelve weeks, Diane has been on a PICC-line and I got to administer an IV antibiotic every eight hours. That process refocused our lives. We were home-bound for the most part and of course could not travel. In fact, this was the first summer in over twenty years in which I did not have a VBS, camp or mission trip scheduled. God knew I would need to be home during this time.

This also allowed me time to go through our "barn" to sort, organize, share and toss unusable ministry and personal items. I have wanted to do this for years, but this was always at the bottom of my priority list. I was able to make a visible dent in the stuff we have accumulated over the years.

This is not the path I would have chosen, but by faith we must continue to learn the lessons God is teaching each of us through the challenges He has for us. Think of what Christ went through as he hung on the cross for us. C.S. Lewis said, "The son of God became a man so that we could become sons of God." Jesus met our greatest need on the cross.



PRAISE & PRAYER

- ✓ Thank you for your continued prayer for Diane as she faces continual health challenges. PRAISE - We have been able to find a new GP to oversee her health status. She is also using a percussion vest therapy that is designed to help clear her lungs
- ✓ Continue to pray for our son, George II (G2), with ongoing health challenges.
- ✓ Pray with us for new churches to consider partnering with ESM.
- ✓ Pray that our Van Fund can be replenished and repair expenses met.
- ✓ Praise for the extra gifts already given toward our Van Fund
- ✓ Pray with us regarding ESM financial growth and God's direction for a "Timothy."
- ✓ Pray for safety as we travel and effectiveness in service.



Thoughts from Diane . . . LEONARD

George's dad was named Leonard. I really liked him. When he was young he served in the Navy during WWII. He was a hard worker. George is like him in that way. I met Leonard and Dorothy, just before George asked me to marry him. I didn't have parents who knew the Lord, so meeting George's parents was pretty exciting. I loved his parents right away. We went through our problems over the years. Some were emotional, others were physical.



I'm not sure when Leonard started developing his severe illnesses. I remember seeing him in the hospital after his open heart surgery. He was uncovered down to his waist when I saw him. He wasn't awake and looked so helpless. The scar that he had on his chest was huge. The way he breathed wasn't normal. He had a long, hard recovery. The next memory which concerned me at the time was connected to his other serious illness, diabetes. I later looked back on this understanding how his health was deteriorating. Our family was on a day trip with him and Dorothy. They took us to see President Lincoln's birthplace. I remember looking over at Leonard and he was so tired and stooped over. He was just beginning to lose his strength.



It was many years later that another vivid memory came to mind. Leonard was at the hospital. He had to have surgery to remove his right leg below the knee. George and I were there in a van to help pick Leonard up. He was in his wheelchair by the exit. George jumped out of the van, reached down to his father, picked him up out of his chair as if he weighed nothing and placed him gently in the van. I was overwhelmed with love and sorrow for my father in law and with love for my husband at his devotion to his father. Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

I've seen this many times but that particular kind of devotion of son to father was such a picture of how we need to treat one another. Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Being patient in affliction couldn't have been easy for Leonard yet I saw his joy in the hope he had. When he finally said goodbye to his wife his hope was fulfilled and he was face to face with his Savior. Jesus is the author of love. He sacrificed His life with a love we can't fully comprehend, when He died for the sinfulness of all mankind. I Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love

but the greatest of these is love." **With love, I Corinthians 15:58 Standing Firm, Diane**



I THINK YOU'D AGREE WITH ME THAT BREATHING IS A TOUGH HABIT TO BREAK. We have lived in the Spokane Valley for over thirty years. This has been the worst summer we have experienced with smoke from fires to the north and south of us. Diane has had an especially difficult summer along with others who have damaged lungs. She was finally able to find a mask that she could use affectively. This was the first time I have been affected by the smoke.

The smoky air has reminded me that:

- Each breath is a gift from God.
- Each breath brings me one breath closer to Heaven.
- The pure air of Heaven awaits all who know the Savior.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

