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HERE'S MOST OF OUR PERU CREW 3.0

Left to Right, Front Row: Michelle Cramer, Katy Brown, Suzie Murphy

Left to Right, Back Row: Jon Cramer, an old Hippe, Vicki Lathan, Carolyn Woodmansee

Not Present: David Pratt, Jr. and Alexis VanScoik

We have had several changes and unforeseen events. **PLEASE PRAY** for Steve and Kelley Frerichs and family, as they had to make an unexpected trip back to Iowa from Peru. Kelley's Father passed away two days ago, Sunday, February 26th. Their flight landed in Chicago on Tuesday and as we understand it, the memorial service will be held on Thursday or Friday. We are uncertain how long the family will be here in the states before they travel back to Peru, but they certainly need our prayers and encouragement.

We continue to meet in preparation to serve as God opens doors in Peru. We may be going back to some of the areas where we spoke before along with possible Gospel presentations in mountain villages. We are preparing at least three different lessons so we have new approaches in case we are going back to areas where we have been before. As in the past, we may not know where we are going until we get there.

Colossians 4:3-4 "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ . . . Pray that I (we) may proclaim it clearly, as I (we) should."

**Here's Another Opportunity to Partner With Us
to Serve the Frerichs Family and National Pastors in Peru
Reaching Out to Those Who Need to Hear the Gospel**

"I will be with you in spirit" . . . The Human Spirit

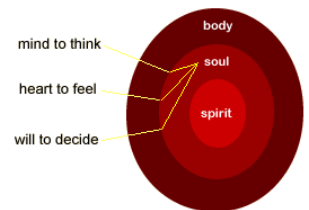
I thought the phrase, "I'll be with you in spirit," was trite and meaningless. I'm learning there is more to that than I understood. We could debate for hours, the distinction between dichotomy and the trichotomy, whether man is composed of two or three distinct components. Are we spirit/soul and body (material and immaterial) or spirit, soul and body? I began thinking more about this years ago, when I asked a friend what he sensed in his spirit about a certain matter. He looked at me and asked, "In my spirit?" My reply was, "Yes, in your spirit." I don't understand the totality of that truth, but I know it is real. There have been times I know God has spoken to me, to my spirit, and given me total and absolute peace and clear direction when I needed it.

I'm wired to like things in convenient boxes, where all the parts fit together logically. I continue to learn that not all of life is that way. God does not always do things the way I like and understand. That's one of the reasons why it is so important that we develop a deepening relationship with God. We need to learn to trust Him more. The more we know God, the more we can trust Him.

In a quick search I located the following verses using three distinct terms in reference to our human makeup: 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Job 12:10; Psalm 16:9; Proverbs 16:24; 20:27; Lamentations 1:20; 2:11

I understand the term "spirit" to refer to the real us, the essence of who we are. The human spirit is the center of our makeup that aspect of our being that is God conscious. We in essence are spirit beings with a soul and a temporary body. Animals are not spirit beings. Jesus did not die for animals. A triune God created us in His image. The following New Testament passages refer to the spirit of Jesus Himself and the Apostle Paul as well: Mark 2:8 "And immediately Jesus, perceiving **in His spirit** that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts?" I Corinthians 5:3 "For though absent in body, **I am present in spirit**. . ." Colossians 2:5 "For though I am absent in body, **I am with you in spirit**, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ."

I certainly do not understand all the implications of how one can be "**present in spirit**," or how God speaks to our spirit, but I know it is true both from Scripture and from experience. You may not be able to serve on a foreign field, or be able present the Gospel to a people who have never heard, or in rural communities here in the states, but **you can be with those who serve, in spirit**. That is accomplished primarily through prayer support. As God impresses you, give financially; as God reminds you, pray. Be assured that your financial gift will be used wisely. Anything above our immediate needs for the Peru trip will be used to help pastors on the field and/or the Frerichs family. It amazes me that God is pleased with anything that we have to offer Him, but He is. He is most pleased when our spirit is focused on knowing and obeying Him.



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FOR PERU
AT LEAST
\$2,000**



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Thoughts from Diane . . . **COMMEMORATE THIS DAY**

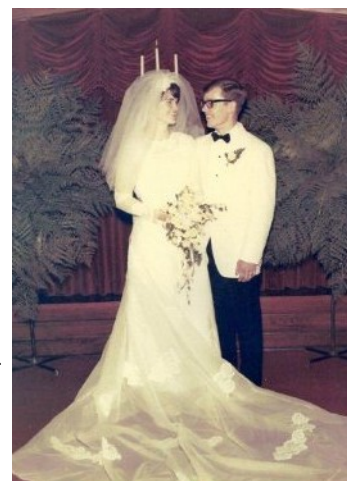
During Christmas of 1968, I went to George's home in Illinois to meet his family. I remember his Mom greeting me warmly and his Dad and I got along well. I already knew George's sister, Linda, but I met his sister Gayle. We had a wonderful time. The best surprise was when George asked me to marry him. When we arrived back at school, and though a little out of order, George wanted to speak to my Dad. We walked through a foot or more of new snow to a phone booth a few blocks away from the college campus to make the call together. It was a beautiful night. We made the decision then that I would not return to school, but go home to Minneapolis and prepare for our June wedding.



Although there were preparations to make and a lot of letters back and forth, the date couldn't arrive soon enough. It was an exciting time. When June 13, 1969 finally arrived I was so thrilled. I was ready to begin this part of God's plan. There were many family and friends there to commemorate the day of our covenant relationship in marriage. We had a bit of an embarrassing moment when at the end of the wedding we were to kiss. Instead of meeting lip to lip we met nose to nose. I can still remember the people laughing. George grabbed my face and the kiss happened. We then we walked down the aisle as husband and wife to prepare to greet our guests! I smiled so much that day my cheeks hurt. Next to the day of beginning my new relationship with Christ it was the best day of my life. It's still true today, even after almost forty eight years. God has been so merciful, gracious, longsuffering and much more.

God's chosen people, the Israelites, had a rough road to travel and have had since their beginning. They too were bound to God in a covenant relationship. It really is a privilege to have God's Word to read and find out just how this relationship grew, failed, continued and still continues throughout history, to this day and in to the future. Exodus 13:3 says "Then Moses said to the people, Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

My life would have been very different had I never accepted Christ's gift of salvation. I still remember that day with even better clarity than the day I was married. It was the moment I was brought out of a life of slavery to sin. I'm so thankful I am able to look back on that day because there are many times when I know my actions do not please God and yet He still loves me. His salvation is eternal. As the covenant God made to Israel, that they would always be His chosen people, He has promised that my new life with Christ will last forever. In this life, covenants are so often broken. I'm thankful my husband and I have kept the covenant promises we made to each other. God never breaks a covenant He makes. I will continue to pray for the people I love, that they would enter in to a relationship with the One who has created them. You may have been hurt in this life by



promises people have made and broken, but God will never break His promise. That's one fact that will never change. I am living proof. Accept His gift of salvation today. It's the one decision and one promise He makes that will last forever **II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm in HOPE, Diane**

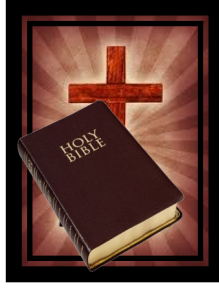


PRAYER . . . THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL & RELIABLE WIRELESS CONNECTION

- ✓ Please continue to pray for Jerry Sponseller, LaRae Damschen, Theresa Hillborn and Marge Stafford, whose spouses are in Heaven.
- ✓ Pray that plans and finances fall into place as we prepare for a third mission trip to Peru in June.
- ✓ Diane & G2's Health Update: At the writing of this newsletter, Diane and G2 are both struggling with on going health challenges, but no hospital visits and for that we are most thankful.
- ✓ Pray for wisdom as we seek God's direction in teaming up with a couple who are considering developing a Pastor's and wives' retreat facility.

Our Continuing Mission Focuses On . . .

“Serving God’s Servants”



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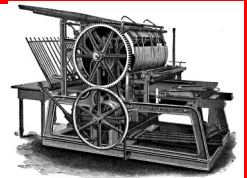
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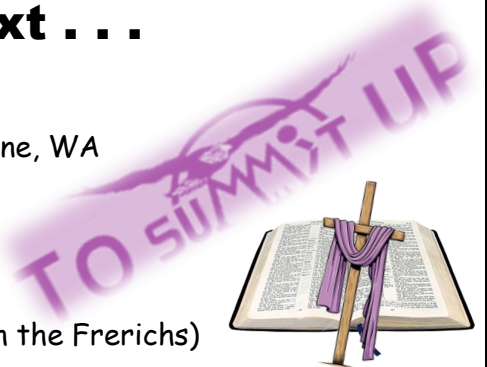
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Do you know of a printer who could help us with a special printing of handouts we would like to use in Peru to present the Gospel through the colors of the Wordless Book? If you do, please contact me personally and I will make connections and explain our need.



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

January 22—Valley Bible Church, Kooskai, ID
January 29—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, 7 Bays, WA
January 16/February 20—Mending Fences Leadership Meeting, Spokane, WA
February 25—ESM Board Meeting
March 7—AWANA Club, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
April 10—AWANA CLUB, Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA
APRIL 16TH — EASTER SUNDAY / HE IS RISEN!
June 17-30—Peru Crew 3.0 (Our next mission trip to Peru serving with the Frerichs)
July 16-20—11/12 Camp, Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp, Cocolalla, ID
July 24 - 29—Camp ALACCA, 4-6th boys, Harpster, ID



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