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We want to let as many as possible know about this new ministry here in the Spokane area.

Help spread the word about this Bible training opportunity for pastors and lay leaders.

For years, we at ESM have desired to develop workshops and training opportunities to meet the needs of busy pastors. We have considered a number of options, but this is an opportunity that may fit your schedule and meet your needs.

Please check it out and contact the leadership at NICS to see if this is a fit for you.

“Contend earnestly for the faith handed down once for all to the saints.” – Jude 3

AS GOD'S SERVANT, ARE YOU AS PREPARED AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE?

Pastors and lay leaders, here is a new opportunity, in the Spokane Valley, to further your training and become more effective in ministry. Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA is housing and sponsoring NICS.

Their goal is to provide practical training for pastors and lay leaders that will enhance current ministry. They are working on creative ways to make this fit into busy schedules with biblical instruction that can be implemented immediately in ministry.

Teachers at NICS are involved in ministry, understand the challenges of schedules and ministry responsibilities and are committed to the truth of Scripture. This may be just the training you need.

- Laymen, let your pastor and church leaders know about this opportunity.
- Pastors, consider this option and share this information with other pastors.

This may be the door God has opened for you to be more effective in earnestly contending for the faith.

Classes are designed for those already engaged in full time vocational ministry or employed lay leaders.

- Evening classes
- \$150/course fee
- Quality training at a minimum cost.

Programs are being developed from the ground up by local saints, for local saints. As a practical ongoing benefit, NICS has committed to remaining a resource and support for their students.

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Unexpected Van Repairs Here's an Opportunity to Pray and Give

Summer presents its challenges for many ministries. Along with family vacations, giving to faith-based ministries often takes a vacation as well. So this is the perfect time for vehicle repairs, not that there is a perfect time. Our mechanic found the source of an ongoing problem which required lifting the van off its frame. The estimate was \$2,000. The actual cost was \$1,271.27. We are grateful that the cost was less than estimated, but we did not have that amount set aside. We were able to purchase tires recently, replace the steering box and maintain fuel and maintenance costs, but we did not have this added amount set aside.

Our mechanic is frustrated as well. As he stated, this vehicle has less than 40,000 miles on it. It's like a new van. We should not be having the repair issues we are having. I actually did contact Ford with our concerns, but that was a dead end. One would think there would be concern over the steering box going out. Loss of control on the freeway could prove to be problematic. No, there was no concern. The Ford folks I spoke with seemed to think that was normal wear. That's not normal in my book. I also learned that they stopped manufacturing this particular vehicle. Hum, I wonder why?

In addition to the current repairs, Ford has announced a hose connection problem in the cooling system. Our mechanic relayed to us that this connection could explode at any time. Ford has not even made the parts necessary for repair as yet. They should be available in the next few weeks. This is not a recall issue, so we will be required to pay the estimated additional \$550 to correct this problem. Our Van Fund has a negative balance. We have a faithful friend who has given monthly to keep our van maintained and fueled, but the need is beyond that.

It would be great to cover the current expenses and have a bit of a cushion in our Van Fund. We are asking the Lord for \$2,500 in gifts to pay for these repairs and have a small amount in savings for the unexpected. If you are able and impressed to do so, Just indicate with a note that you wish your gift used for the **"VAN."**

We are certainly aware that not everyone is able or impressed to give toward this need, but we are asking you to pray with us that this goal will be reached in the next month. Despite the summer challenges of giving, we are well aware that money is no challenge to God. This is another test of MY faith. I will let you know if I pass. 🙏



PRAISE & PRAYER

- ✓ Continue to pray for Lil Shanks and family as they grieve the passing of Dick.
- ✓ Diane had another Picc-line installed. There were complications requiring an emergency room visit. We just completed a five-week, every eight hour regiment of IV antibiotic infusion. The latest blood test indicated inflammation which may mean continuing infection in her lungs. Her asthma and general fatigue continue to be additional challenges. We await the results of the next blood test and are uncertain of the next step. Thank you for your continued prayer. We need wisdom and healing.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Pray with us regarding ESM financial growth and God's direction for a "Timothy."



Thoughts from Diane . . .

"Goad"

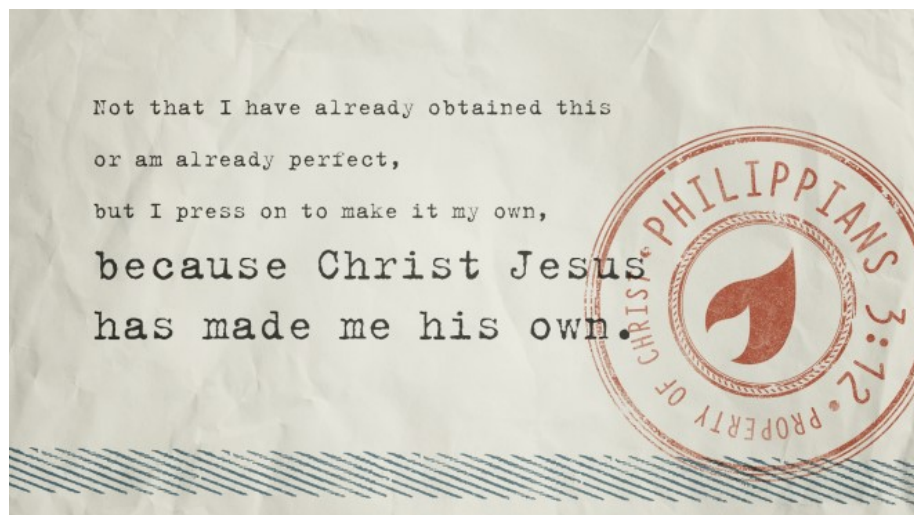
My oldest brother Robert and I used to get into a lot of mischief when we were young. Most of the time we were playing just to have a good time. Many times playing ended with getting us into a lot of trouble. In one of the houses we lived in there was a pretty creepy basement. I don't remember going down there much because most of the time my mother would chase us outdoors. However, one time we ended up in the basement and got into some old curtain rods. I don't know who made the decision to do it but we proceeded to have a swordfight with them. I can still envision myself holding mine up and whacking my brother's rod with all my might. It was all great fun until somehow Robert's rod ended up poking me square in the eye. After that, about all I remember was running away screaming in pain. Thankfully, I didn't lose my eyesight. 😊



The word goad ("to stab or urge on as if with a pointed stick") has come to mind a lot for me lately. Usually it's an urging voice inside of me to "Get up and MOVE!" More than likely I need to do a task that I'm not looking forward to doing. Right now just writing an article for the newsletter is overwhelming. I don't like being weak but that's where God's sovereign will has placed me. I've most always had the strength to do what needed to be done. I never thought this loss of strength would keep its grip on me for this long. Without God's strength holding me up I think I'd just not move. I'd give in to living like my grandmother Larson did at the end of her life. That's another story.

I've been brought back to the third chapter of Philippians in times of studying over several months. Today I was once again reading the entire chapter.

Philippians 3:12 ". . . I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Jesus has been holding on to me for 55 years. He's always had a purpose for me in every situation. There's been a lot of poking going on over those years. Sometimes I whine, sometimes I'm excited and can't wait to move and then there are times I get angry and tired and have a hard time getting up. Inevitably, God is there to remind me "I was bought with a price," the very high price of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to redeem me for His purpose. I wouldn't want to be in any other place, no matter what that place may be. So now, I'm reminded once again through God's Word that I absolutely want to continue to "take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." "Even so come quickly Lord Jesus" **Standing Firm, Diane I Corinthians 15:58**



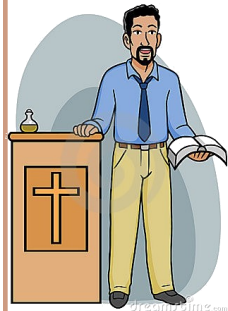
Every breath is a reminder that we are one breath closer to Heaven.

Each new morning is a reminder that we are not here on earth for ourselves and our own pleasure. We are here for others, to point others to the truth of a relationship with our Creator through His son, Jesus.



Our Continuing Mission Focuses On . . .

“Serving God’s Servants”



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This is proving to be an interesting summer. I have no camp speaking engagements, no VBS ministry and no mission trip. So far, I have two churches we are serving involving five Sundays. This is the first summer in over twenty years when I will be able to be home. We are unable to travel, so I will be spending time sorting, organizing and tossing. I have an area in what we call our “barn” where I have many ministry items and extra files stored. I will have the time and hopefully the energy to finally check this off my to do list.

I should also be able to complete some home projects and help Diane as needed. I have told students that it has never crossed my mind to be bored. Maybe I can check that off my “bucket list.”



LET’S GIVE THANKS TO OUR GRACIOUS GOD AND TO THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES WHO SACRIFICED FOR THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY. JUST LIKE OUR FREEDOM FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN, OUR FREEDOMS ARE NOT FREE. THERE WAS A PRICE PAID. GOD HAS BLESSED AMERICA.



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

June 18/July 16/Aug 20—Mending Fences Fellowship leadership team, Spokane, WA
June 23/ Sept 8—ESM board Meeting
July 15/22—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA
July 29/Aug 5 & 12—New Creation Fellowship, Blanchard, ID



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