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What Can You Do?

By: Dr. Gary S. Moore, GPA President

“She hath done what she could. . .” Mark 14:8.

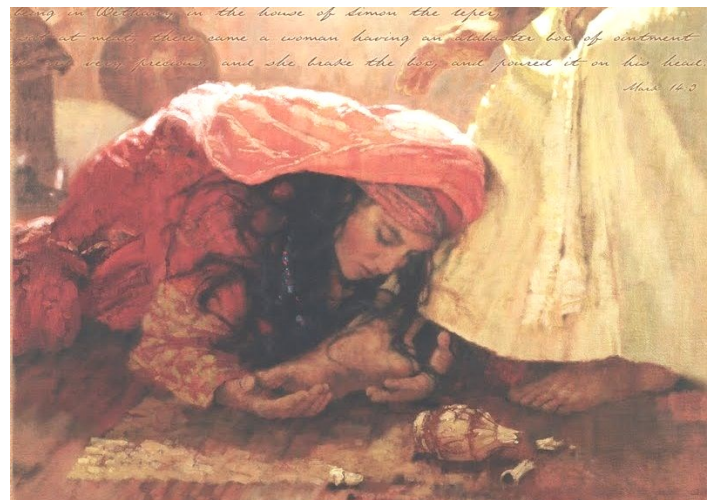
Through the years I have seen many people who didn't do what they could for the work of the gospel because they planned someday to do something great for Jesus. Most of the time those people never got the opportunity to do what they considered great, so really they did little or nothing for the cause of Christ. In Mark chapter fourteen the woman with the alabaster box of ointment did what she could for Jesus. So I ask you today, what can you do for the ministry of Jesus Christ?

The Gospel Preacher Association is having the 16th Annual Mission Partners Dinner on April 4th, 2024 at 7pm. This year is differ-

ent. For the first time we will be holding the event at the Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Also for the first time I will be bringing the message. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to do what you can for Jesus.

The Mission Partners Dinner is usually our biggest

fundraising event of the year. The GPA is a 501(c)3 Mission Organization and we rely totally on free will gifts and donations to fund every aspect of our ministry. This year we are praying toward a goal of \$40,000. Partner with us! Here is a list of ways you can help:



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- ◆ Be a table host and fill a table of eight or ten.
- ◆ Be a Table Sponsor for \$250 per table to help pay for the event.
- ◆ Attend the Dinner and give what you can.
- ◆ Join the event committee and work during the event.

If, for whatever reason, you cannot attend the Mission Partners Dinner this year, you can still help in one or

more of the following ways.

- ◆ Pray for the Event
- ◆ Make a donation online or by mail
- ◆ Pray for our Missionaries in the States and around the world
- ◆ Adopt a Missionary Family
- ◆ Take a short term Mission trip

Through the years God has always provided the needs of the GPA, and we give all the glory to Him who is

able. This year we see the responsibilities and commitments expanding, as such we are seeking a greater number of donors and prayer warriors. Your faithful support is vital to the vision to which God has called us. Your continued partnership means more to us than you know. Together we can be a part of fulfilling the Great Commission, ***Across the Street and Across the Sea***, to help us reach a lost world for Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSION PARTNER'S DINNER APRIL 4TH 2024

The 16th Annual Mission Partner's Dinner will be held at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church in Nottingham, PA on Thursday, April 4th, at 7:00pm. Keynote speaker for the evening is GPA President and Director, Dr. Gary S. Moore with special singing by Redeemed. To reserve your **FREE** ticket visit gpamm.com/dinner-ticket-request.

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP JUNE 4TH-15TH, 2024

Join us for a life-changing Medical and Evangelistic Mission trip to Comayagua Honduras. We will be working along side GPA missionaries **Arvil Smith** and **Fernando Maldonado** at Victory Baptist Church and Christian school to provide full medical clinic, VBS, and evening evangelistic services. Applications available at gpamm.com.

BOOT CAMPS JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2024

This Summer, we will be offering three Boot Camps aboard Mercy's Vessel in Gulfport, MS. Participants will be given the opportunity to learn more about the boat and its daily operations, as well as earn certification in CPR, Emergency First Aid, Food Safety and Preparation and Personal Evangelism. Email your application to mercyproject@live.com or visit gpamm.com.



GPA NATIONAL CAMP MEETING SEPTEMBER 8TH-13TH, 2024

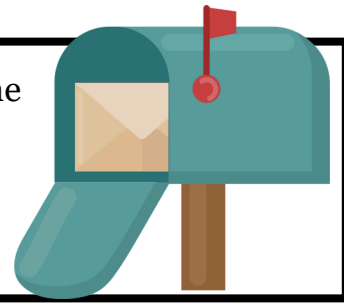
Make plans to join us for the National Camp Meeting at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church, 303 W. Christine Rd, Nottingham, PA 19362. Special singing and preaching every night. You'll also have the opportunity to meet GPA missionaries from around the world. Call NMBC at 610-932-5171 for more information.

ANNUAL SHARE-A-THON SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2024

Join us live on FaceBook from 12 noon to 7pm for our annual GPA Share-A-Thon. We will have special preaching and singing every hour to raise support for the home office and for Mercy's Vessel. To make a pledge, call GPA home office at 610-806-6555.

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Just What We Need By: Jessica McPherson

Wow, what a year! What a journey! I thought I knew myself (my strength and weaknesses), but I do not. Many of you may know that Rex was put into hospice care on September 13, 2023. They reevaluate every 90 days, and his hospice was extended in December because he still qualifies.

Rex was diagnosed with Parkinson's at the age of 59. He pastored until he was 65 and then retired due to the progression of his disease. However, just over a year ago, he began experiencing a sudden decline in health. We kept telling the doctors that he was really not doing well, but none seemed to listen. Then he stopped eating and lost 40 pounds in less than 6 months. He developed a type of dementia (whether Lewey Body or Parkinson's dementia) and began having hallucinations.

I called the doctor and said, "Somebody has to see him NOW!" Within a week, he was in hospice care. I was shocked! I knew he was bad, but I did not think he was within six months of death. However, I certainly now understand that if he had kept losing weight and getting weaker, he would have died rather quickly.

I have grieved for the loss of our dreams of ministry. We were working in the chapel at a campground in Helen, GA after Rex retired. He was the chairman of the chapel committee, and I was the pianist. With his dementia and physical weakness, we had to give it up. He rarely feels like attending church on Sunday mornings. His sister will sit with him if she is off work, so that I can attend on Sunday mornings. What a change!

I have grieved over the loss of our relationship. December 21, 2023 was our 50th wedding anniversary. Some days he knows me, some days he does not. Some days he knows we are at home. At other times, he asks me to take him home. With Lewey Body dementia, it comes and goes.

At the present, you might visit with him and he would seem fine. If his medication is working, he can walk and carry on a conversation. But you



might see him a few hours later, and he can hardly move. You won't be able to understand his speech, and he wouldn't be able to perform a simple task. When he is like this, he needs help getting up and down, going to the toilet, dressing, etc.

You may ask, how is he taking it? Like a man of God. He is kind. He has nice things to say to those who help him. ***His hallucinations were mainly of missionaries needing lodging or food and no one willing to help them.***

You may ask, how are you taking it? Sad to say, I have disappointed myself

tremendously. I know it's hard to be a caregiver for a spouse because you are at hand and on call 24/7. Many nights, we are up and down a dozen or more times. But I WANT to have no regrets when this is over. This is my ONLY chance to exhibit my love and care for Rex when he needs it most. However, instead of this kind, loving, caring woman being at his bedside, sometimes, she's exasperated and short-tempered. I am trying every day to do better. I confess my faults to God and to Rex. ***The good thing about Rex is that he forgets that I have been short-tempered. Fact of the matter, so does God after I confess to Him!***

Let me just say, that being in hospice care has been a Godsend for us. The nurse who comes weekly to see him adjusts his medications to help with whatever is going on that week. He is SO MUCH BETTER than he was in September. I thought hospice was a bad thing, but it has turned out to be just what we both need.

We both are so thankful to God that we had years together in ministry, and that we traveled and have such great memories of our life together. He has provided for our financial needs, and we are again amazed. We have strength enough for every day.

We want to thank the hundreds, maybe thousands, of people who have prayed for us especially since Rex was put in hospice. I know it's your prayers that have helped us "though troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, but not in despair." 2 Corinthians 4:8. ***We have just what we need.***

Join us for the 16th Annual Mission Partner's Dinner

Across the Street

Across the Sea

Thursday, April 4th, 2024

7:00 PM

Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church

303 W. Christine Road

Nottingham, PA 19362

Admission is FREE but you must have a ticket to reserve your seat
For tickets or to be a table hosts or sponsor, contact the home office at
gpamissions@gmail.com, call 610-806-6555, or visit
gpamm.com/dinner-ticket-request

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