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An Exciting Announcement!

Thank you friends of *The Eagle* and Tolbert Moore Ministries for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. From the start in 1947, I have been blessed in so many ways in my efforts (along with many friends and helpers) to share the Gospel in many parts of our world.

I am happy to announce an addition to *The Eagle* magazine: My son, *G*ary Moore, is now the Associate Editor. He will help to enlarge the mission outreach and encourage the missionaries on various fields as well as those who are praying about missions as they receive their call to serve our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As we hear from missionaries at home and around the world, we learn how the world is getting darker. Christians are attacked and some are killed for being Christian! The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

I made my first mission trip outside the United States to Cuba. There was a sign in the First Baptist Church of La Palma that said,

"The Lord has promised to bless His Word. This He cannot do if it is not heard."

We are still sending a printed copy of *The Eagle* to everyone who sends \$5.00 per month to help with the printing and postage. You can read *The Eagle* online at my web site: www.tolbertmoore.com. And, now, a new effort is being made to send a PDF file of *The Eagle* magazine to the e-mail address of everyone who requests a copy and will send us their e-mail address! This is a great step forward, and we are excited about the possibility of getting the magazine and the Gospel message to even more!

God bless you.

In His Grip,

Tolbert Moore, Editor

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am going to speak to you on the subject of Hell. I am not going to speak to you in a manner to cause you to become emotional. I want you to think very clearly about the subject of Hell. Hell is not imaginary. It is a reality. Hell is not only a place, but Hell is a state of being. Hell exists in a very real way. It awaits all of those who do not trust the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Since all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, all owe a debt to eternity that they cannot pay. You cannot pay your debt. The wages (price) of sin is death. You cannot pay that debt, because to die and go to Hell would be eternal, and you would never get it paid. Your sin debt was paid for you when Jesus died in your place on the cross of Calvary. If you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, then the penalty for your sin has been paid. He has already paid it.

I trust that you will follow me closely and carefully as I speak on this all important

subject. Just as sure as there is a Heaven-there is a Hell. Just as sure as Heaven is in space in a place of existence, then Hell is in a place of existence.

Please turn in your Bibles to II Peter 2:4-9: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

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Your sin debt was paid for you when Jesus died in your place on the cross of Calvary. Also, look at Ephesians 4:8-10: Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

If you look in your Funk & Wagnalls dictionary, you will find this as the definition of the word *Hell*: ". . . that under various religions, the abode of the dead; or the place of punishment for the wicked after death; or the place of evil spirits."

As you look in the New Testament in the Gospels, you will find various words used for Hell. For instance, in Matthew 5:22, we read: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. The word Hell there translates from the word Gehenna which was a garbage dump in the Valley of Hinnom outside of Mount Moriah in the valley that runs alongside. It was the garbage dump, and it burned

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all the time-day and night. Since they never ran out of garbage, the fire never stopped, and since it was garbage, there were worms there as well as fire. Jesus used that to give an illustration of what Hell was like.

He uses the word *hades*. which translates unseen grave or hell. Matthew 11:23: And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

In II Peter 2:4 (that I just read), he used *Tartarus* which is really the lowest pit in the incarceration, which means the prison or place of punishment for the wicked dead.

In the Bible the words that are illustrative, which illustrate Hell, are Hades and Gehenna, but the word that actually pinpoints the place of Hell is the word Peter uses which is Tartarus.

In Ephesians the apostle Paul describes the location of Hell. It is actually and literally in the lower parts of the earth. Down in the heart of the earth that you stand on is a burning, molten furnace. I read (in the National Geographic and also in the Encyclopedia Britannica) that when they drill down about six miles in the lower parts of the earth that they can drill no farther, because the heat becomes so intense that it melts the hardest, strongest bits that man has. That is how hot it is. It gets as high as 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Water boils at 212 degrees, and it will give you second and third degree burns. As it gets hotter, it will actually melt the flesh off your bones. That is the heat we have here. It is concentrated, compressed heat. The Bible teaches over and over again that Hell is in the heart of the earth.

Now, there was a time when Paradise was also in the heart of the earth. That is why after His death Jesus descended into the lower parts of the earth and led captivity captive. On the day He was crucified, two thieves were on either side of Him. Look in Luke 23:39-43: And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be

with me in paradise. When He died, He descended into the lower parts of the earth, Paradise. In Psalm 16:10 David said: For thou wilt not leave my soul *in hell; neither wilt thou suffer* thine Holy One to see corruption. Iesus descended into the lower parts of the earth and moved the Paradise of God from next door to Hell to next door to Heaven.

In Luke 16 the rich man saw it clearly. He, himself, was in Hell, but he was located in such a place that he could see Abraham's bosom. He could see Paradise, and he saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. There was a great gulf fixed, Abraham said, so there was no way you could go from Hell over to Paradise or Abraham's bosom nor come back the other way. There was no traveling



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back and forth. Hell was left when Paradise was moved.

Why was Paradise moved? It was moved because Hell enlarged itself. The Bible said in Isaiah 5:14: Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure. . . . Then in Isaiah 14:9 it says: Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming. . . .

You may say, "Won't my soul be what goes to Hell?
A soul can't experience heat!"

I would tell you,
"You'd better take another look in the Bible!"

Luke 16:23: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. He left his body in the graveyard, but his soul was in the burning pit of Hell, and he was tormented in the flames. The tragic thing about it is the soul can be tormented and will not be annihilated. It will be forever–eternally–in the flame in the pit of Hell.

Hell is a reality. Just as Heaven is a place above the stars of God, Hell is right near us, underneath us. The Bible says that the soul that dies without Christ goes down into Hell.

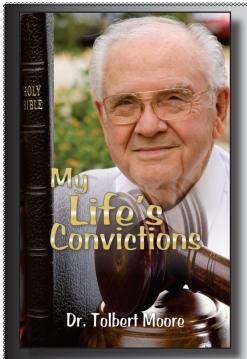
Now, I want you to listen to this carefully. I thank the Lord for this understanding. God's mercy is everlasting. Think about that! God's mercy is not only good in this world, but it is good in the world to come. His mercy never ends or ceases, but your opportunity to receive that mercy is just in your lifetime. Remember when the rich man, Divies, lifted his eyes in Hell and began to cry out to the Father? He said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

And Abraham said, Son, remember that thou

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in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things...

Listen to me carefully. He said, . . . thy good things. . . . What were they? He fared sumptuously every day. He wore a purple robe. He lived in a walled estate (the poor man was laid at his gate). He lived gloriously and richly every day. But those were not the best things that he had. He was a rich man, and he had opportunities because of his position. A person in that position can do more than a beggar lying at the gate. He had more

opportunities. He had access to more knowledge. He had access to better instruction. He could have been saved more easily than Lazarus, because Lazarus, being a beggar and covered with sores, would be in a pitiful shape to really have strong faith, but he had it anyway!

Luke 16:25 says: But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

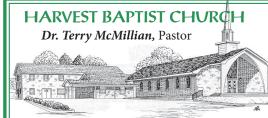
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Think about that. If a man reaches 90 years old and he is not saved, he still has an opportunity. I read this week in a bulletin I received about a meeting where a 91-year-old man received Jesus Christ as his Saviour. God's mercy extended 91 years! All of his lifetime he had the opportunity to be saved. All of your lifetime you have the opportunity to accept Christ and escape Hell. You have all of your life.

I've heard people say, "Well, a just God would not let folks go to Hell." Let me tell you what God did! First, God got rid of the angels that rebelled and cast them into Hell. That is what it says, He . . . spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell. He got them out of the way of men. You can't say that it is the devil's fault that you are lost. God got rid of them. He cast them into Hell.

Secondly, out of the ivory palace, God sent His Own darling Son to walk the shores of Galilee and give His life a ransom at Calvary to save people.

Does that mean that He is a mean, old, ugly, demanding God?

I submit to you tonight that He is a loving, kind, merciful God. I submit to you tonight that He's done more than any other god that has existed to keep you out of Hell. You can't charge God. You can't look up to God and say, "If You are God, You would not let me go to Hell." God paid the supreme price with His Son at Calvary to keep you out of Hell, and if you go, it is because you stubbornly go. You persist in your rebellion and unbelief as the angels did that He cast down.

Some folks repeat what a comic said on television, "The devil made me do it." The devil does not make you do everything. **You make the choice**

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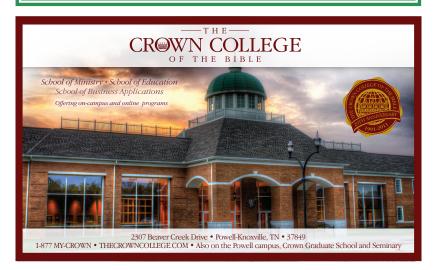
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to do things on your own. God gave you a free moral choice. You are a free agent, made in the image of God. You have your own volition.

You don't have to be good to go to Heaven. You don't have to live a good moral life. Morality is not Christianity. Christianity demands good morals and good ethics, but a lot of people live good, moral lives and die and go to Hell.

Christianity is something that is given to you. It is not something you do. Being saved is not something you do—it is something Jesus did for you!

First, God cast the angels into Hell, and secondly He sent His Son to die on Calvary's cross to pay your sin debt. You will never have to pay one dime on your sin debt. You may tithe. Some people here give thousands of dollars to the church

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You cannot work and earn it. We have people who donate hours of their time every week. They work their jobs and then come to this church and give extra hours in service to the Lord. Some of them study for hours at night, preparing and getting ready to work for God, but not a single one of them has ever worked a minute toward their debt of salvation. You cannot pay for your salvation. It is a gift.

As a young preacher, I used to hear preachers say (Sadly, I might have preached some of it myself): "Christ died and paid for all of your sins until you are saved, but after you are saved, you have to pay for your own sins."

No, no, no. You won't pay for a single one of them. If you are saved, He will help you overcome your sin. In fact, He will take corrective action when you get out of line. (Some of you are nodding your head. You have had that spanking, haven't you?) He will chasten you. That means, He will take corrective action. He deals with you in four steps.

- (1) He will use His Word to get you back on course.
- (2) If that doesn't work, He will begin to convict you (worry you) with His Holy Spirit. Your conscience will begin to trouble you, burden you.
- (3) He will embarrass you. He will expose you, get it out in the open.
- (4) If that doesn't work, the Bible says in John 15:2: Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away. . . . He will give you an early grave. He will let you die.

There is more tragedy to that than folks ever stop to realize, because if you leave this world with your Christian work incomplete, you are going to come up short at the Judgement Seat of Christ.

"Oh, Preacher, I am not going to be judged."

You are not going to be judged as a sinner. That was done at Calvary. But you are going to be judged for your works based on your opportunities. When you stand before

Christ, if your labor and work are incomplete, the Bible says you will suffer a loss. You will be saved yourself, but you will suffer a loss. When you are carried to an untimely, early grave, you cannot finish your work in order to get your rewards.

Now, I want to give you about three points. Every one of these points is tragic. I noticed tonight when I came in, how the devil was trying his best to get me upset. An evil spirit was trying to bother me. He didn't want me to preach this in the right spirit. As I look tonight at the points the Lord gave me late this afternoon, I could weep over every one.

Hell is eternal separation from God, from Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit. You haven't stopped to realize that in Him you live and move and have your being. You may be an atheist, but you are still breathing His air. You may be an agnostic. You may have some other weird religion or be in one of the cults, but it is still God's mercy that is letting you live. When you die and go to Hell, you are going to a place eter-

What kind of living is it when you live and move and have your being in Hell-eternally separated from God? What a tragedy! What a terrible, terrible thing! Listen, I wouldn't want to be on an oasis where it is eternally spring without God. If there wasn't any fire, if there weren't any demons, if there weren't any fallen angels, if there were not any other wicked dead-I would not want to be anywhere where there was no real God Jehovah, eternally separated from Him, from Christ, and from the Holy Spirit! God is the Father, the Father of love. Christ is the Head of grace. The Holy Spirit is the Head of all good communion.

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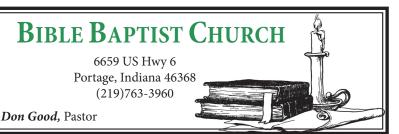


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The more I study about Hell, the more I don't want **anybody** to go there! Think about that. If you are separated from Them, you are separated from mercy!

If you are separated from God, separated from God's mercy, separated from God's Heaven, you will be eternally separated from God's children. You will be separated from anyone who is saved, anyone who is born again in Christ. It may be your mama, your daddy, your wife, your husband, your children, or maybe even your closest friend who has been trying to tell you about the condition of your soul.

In Hell there is eternal suffering and total degradation. As I have said, Hell is the pit! It is the pit of fire that is burning. I will confess that I don't fully understand it. Neither do I fully understand the joys of Heaven when I read about them, but the more I read about Heaven, the more I want to go there. The more I study about Hell, the more I don't want anybody to go there!

The Bible says, in Hell there is fire, that heat—that terrible, terrible heat, and the hotter it is, the darker it is. Watch a flame. The hotter a flame is the darker it gets. I will illustrate it by an old-fashioned blow torch. I used to work with my dad as an

electrician when I was younger. Back then, they did not have all of the propane and butane tubes they have now. You had to pump up those old blow torches, and they had a little generator (sort of like the ones on a Coleman lantern). When you first got it started, the flames would be red and white, but as it got hotter, it would turn darker. It would start turning blue. When it got totally hot, you could not see the flame, but if you put your hand close to the spout, it would burn a hole in it! The hotter it got, the darker it got. The fire of Hell is so hot and intense that there is total darkness.

The earth is going to erupt, by the way. Hell is going to belch out, and there will be a lake of fire, burning with fire and brimstone.

When I was in college, they made fun of that. They'd say, "No such thing!" But, back then, they did not know anything about atomic power or nuclear fission. They did not know about the dark holes out in the universe

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where anything near them burns up! All of that has been discovered in recent years. Now the best informed scientists say that a wrong move out there in the universe would cause a holocaust right here on earth!

Well, of course! One day the finger of God is just going to circle around her, and she is going to start burning. Turn to II Peter 3:10-11: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up (that is disintegrated). Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. . . . That has been in the Bible 2,000 years. Scientists are just catching up. It has been there all the time. Now, discovery doesn't make the Bible true. The Bible has been true all the time! All of this just puts light on the truth!

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Listen now, the second part of that punishment is that fallen angels and THE fallen angel will be there. The book of Ezekiel tells us how the devil came to be—God created him. There were three chief angels: Lucifer, Michael, and Gabriel. Lucifer was the most beautiful of the three, but he was carried away with the pride of his own beauty.

Genesis 1:27-28 says: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. The devil has been in a jealous rage ever since. He hates men. He hates women. He hates boys and girls. Everyone who has fellowship with God causes his rage to grow hotter and his jealousy to grow meaner. The Bible says that jealousy is as cruel as the grave. Listen, when lost souls go into Tartarus, into the pit of flame and fire, the tormented demons out of Heaven who are in Hell will be there to torment you. They will say, "Aha, now we will have our revenge. Now we will get even."

The devil is in a rage right now, because he knows that Tolbert Moore is not good enough to be God's son or God's servant. He knows that I am not fit to go to Heaven, and he is saying to God, "It is not right for him to go to Heaven."

God says, "It is right. I paid for him, and I can do with him what I want."

The devil says, "He's a sinner!"

God says, "Yes, he is a sinner, but I paid his sin debt at Calvary."

When God pays a ransom, He gets the one for whom He

pays! He is God enough and sovereign enough to make it work. When God paid the price, He sent His angels to get what He bought and paid for, and He protects us. He protects me, and He protects you. I am as saved as you can get, and if you have trusted Jesus, you are as saved as you can get. As I said last night, it would be easier to get the chocolate out of a chocolate cake than it would be to get salvation out of a soul that has been saved by Jesus Christ.

In Hell there is the sound of never-ending, eternal cries for help. Because of eternal suffering, there are eternal cries for help.

Oh, God, have mercy!

Mercy is only obtainable in this life. Mercy is everlasting, but it is only available while you are here. In your lifetime, you have to accept the mercy of God. Friend, don't let the opportunity pass!

Somebody says, "I will take my chances."

Well, you won't be the only one! But don't think when you get to Hell you will have company. The darkness will be so total, the misery and isolation so complete, that you will have no company. Why would you take a chance on going to Hell?

I debated with four people for four hours one afternoon

about two and a half miles from where I am standing right now. We were in the home of one of our church members. About an hour's debate began when they said, "There is no Hell!"

I said, "The Bible says there is, and I accept the Bible's authority."

Finally, I said, "Why do you spend so much time saying there is no Hell, when it would be so easy to miss it!"

It is so simple to admit it, so simple to say, "Yes, I am a sinner. Yes, I have lived short of the glory of God. Yes, I have been imperfect. Yes, I am guilty, and I accept what Jesus Christ did when He paid my sin debt for me at Calvary!"

Why be stubborn enough to risk going to Hell rather than to say, "Yes, God, I am a sinner. Please be merciful to me and save me from Hell!" &

Note: This sermon was preached in 1978 (38 years ago). The message is the same today. If you would like to talk to someone about your salvation, please call us today at 770-995-7045. ₽

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Marie Everett

by Susan Lee Lutz



No matter what her situation, she always encouraged us and exhorted us to hang in there!

I thought,
"How could this
special person
who had
suffered and
struggled for
years have such
a testimony
of being an
encourager
to so many?"

was my privilege to meet Marie Everett over twelve years ago. She and her husband, Ernie, began coming to our Gospel Preacher Camp Meetings, and God put it in his heart to help us with the accounting program we use today as we now process over fifty missionaries' support. He spent month after month, day after day, hour after hour, writing our program and perfecting it so that we were able to account for every penny of money sent in for our missionaries. We can, right now, go back and see the date and deposit number of every donation received and processed through The Gospel Preacher Association since we began in 2005 using "Ernie's Program" (as we call it).

During those hours of long, hard work, and through the years of perfecting and adjusting the program, Marie stood by (or should I say, sat and read books) allowing Ernie to give part of *her time* to us.

Marie Everett was certainly a "Woman of Distinction." Earlier in her life and again in recent years, Marie fought an ongoing battle with cancer. She went through treatment after treatment, suffering severe side effects, and keeping on keeping on. Sometimes the cancer would go into remission which seemed to make the treatments worthwhile, and then it would come back again.

During those years of struggle, Marie became one of the most distinctively Christian ladies I have ever met. No matter what her situation, she always encouraged us and exhorted us to hang in there! We would hear from Ernie, "The treatments were really hard on her this time." Yet a few days later, we would receive a note of encouragement. Someone recently came into our offices and said, "What are all those sticky notes all over your offices?"

"Oh, those are from our friend, Marie. They are ALL the notes she has sent us through the years to encourage us and let us know she was praying for us!" Did we need that encouragement and those prayers? Oh, yes, we did! Everyone does!

Marie recently lost her battle with cancer and went on to be with our Lord. Her funeral was beautiful: just like you would expect if you had known her. The many people she and her husband have loved, cared for, influenced, and worked with in one way or the other through their lives were in attendance.

Her family filled over a third of the large sanctuary.

As I sat, listened, and cried, I became keenly aware of who this little, sweet, compassionate lady was. She was an encourager to everyone she knew! I thought, "How could this special person who had suffered and struggled for years have such a testimony of being an encourager to so many?"

And then they read her challenge to her family:

Dear Family,

Listen to these words this day. Hear, learn, and keep them in your hearts and souls. Love the Lord God with all your heart. Give Him praise and glory every day. Follow His commandments. Take them to your bosom and think on them. Teach them to your children and obey them. Don't forsake the Lord. Be aware that He is always with you, there to guide you and help you. Be kind to your neighbors and strangers. When the opportunity arises, tell them about Iesus."

At the end of the service, they read her final prayer:

Dear Gracious Lord,

Thank You for Jesus and His saving grace. Thank You for that

time when I was a teenager and needed you so badly that You allowed me to enter into Your loving grace and made me whole.

Thank You for the good times and the bad times for they helped me gain strength in You and develop faith. Thank You *for answered prayers—the many* times I prayed and You answered.

Thank You for all the happy times—my childhood, my family—such a wonderful family -sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, nieces, nephews. Lord, thank You for all of them. Thank You for the family gettogethers, the good food in life, the fun and the laughter. Our family had such good times.

Thank You for the years You allowed me to minister to the children in school. Thank You for those children and thank You for *helping me through those times I didn't know if I could continue.*

Thank You for our mama. She was always there instilling in us the way to go. Thank You for her happiness, love, and for her guiding hand. Lord, You were there with her helping us.

Thank You for food and shelter. There has never been a day that I have been hungry, cold, or no place to be. Thank You for the times You kept me safe.

Especially thank You for Ernie, Lord. Thank You for his tender ways, for his goodness to me, and for his constant care. Thank You for his hard work, strong body, and all the work he has done to make our house a home. Thank You for his care for others. He is always giving to those that are in need. Thank You that his business has been

profitable and that he has been able to adjust his time to care for the needs of his family and mine.

Thank You for the good friends in life and the caring relationships. Thank You for the line dancers. We have had such fun entertaining at the nursing homes and enjoying each other's company.

A special thank You for all the churches in my life and the loving fellowships found there. Most of all, once again, thank You for *Iesus Who saves our souls.* Love You, Lord,"

Yes, it was evident to all who knew her that she loved Him! In closing, I am reminded of the old song: "O to Be Like Thee." Marie Everett was like Him. His image was definitely stamped in her heart! 🏗

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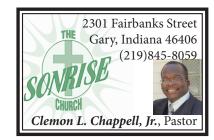
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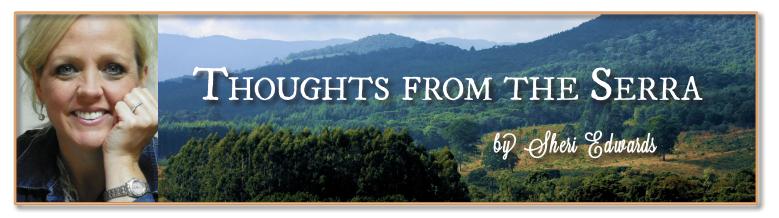


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There Is Still a Need and a Need Filler!

has been a while since I have sent my own prayer letter, so I thought I would start up that tradition once again and let you know what life is like as a missionary wife in Brazil. When we were in the Amazon, I used to write a series of letters called "Reflections from the Amazon," but now we are in the mountains of southern Brazil which, down here, they call the "Serra," pronounced "Sarehuh." Each month I want to just share a few personal thoughts about my life here in the Serra with the hope that it will help some little "Sheri" out there who is thinking about being a missionary, or maybe my thoughts will help you pray more spe-

Although our geographical area has changed, I have found one thing to remain the for the Lord and His grace here just like there was in the jungle. It is in the vacant stare of every woman I meet on the street or in the market. It is in the quiet I pray and the children they are trying to raise alone. It is in the harsh lines upon the faces of the "Bettys" on the street corI must admit that they all leave me overwhelmed at times.

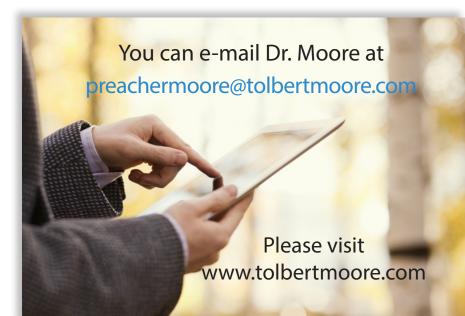
As a college student, I had the desire to be one who stood in the gap. I wanted to be married to another Adoniram Judson, sail the seas, witness to the heathen, and teach them who Jesus was. I thought if I really surrendered, then God would take care of the rest. My smile at those memories is sardonic as I reach back and pat that poor, little, naive me on the head. I somehow always left out the human equation in my romantic view of life on the mission field. Missions is about people with a need that I can't fill, humanly speaking. My job is to introduce them to

THE Need Filler, Jesus Christ. That introduction is not always easy or smooth! (Especially if you are someone like me who trips, literally, while walking up to someone for the first time!)

For the past year I have been paying close attention to people outside my normal area of ministry. I watch and count how many men and women are on the street corners late at night. I look for the homeless and their stashes behind bushes. I ask for pan handlers' names when they come asking for spare change. I try to start conversations with cashiers.

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usually the ones whose need is tearing them apart inside, and they don't know how to fill it. These are the ones for whom I am aiming. I tell Mark that I bet they don't even know that there is a pudgy, blonde, North American woman praying for them to get saved.

One of these people whom I have spent two years getting to know is a boy named Guilherme. He is 13, taller than me. with messy brown hair that he covers with a dirty baseball cap. He sells candy apples out of an old, blue, plastic bowl. He lives in a neighborhood I wouldn't be comfortable walking in by myself and walks miles every week for little gain. His mom makes the apples, wraps them in plastic, and sends his little brother and him out to sell them. It took a while before I finally got him to stay and chat, but now his eyes light up when he sees my family and me. He is scared of Mark and says he looks mean, but I just laugh. Every now and then I slip him a few bucks instead of buying an apple. I remember the first time I did this that I watched him as he ran off to his brother waving the money above his head. I couldn't see through my tears while I loaded all my Christmas purchases into my car.

I have seen Guilherme out in the rain, the cold, and the

heat. He is always somewhere around one supermarket or another, giving his little speech, trying to fill his mom's need for money. But as a missionary, I see his whole family's need.

No, just because they are poor doesn't mean they aren't saved, and it doesn't necessarily mean they get more of my attention, but I do believe God has crossed my path with these children for a reason. Who am I to deny Guilherme the peace and transformation that Christ brought to me?

There is a list of people about whom I could write in this letter. There is Agatha, the transgender blonde who tells me he knows the life he is living is wrong. There is Rosemary, the cashier I have befriended for several years now that has overcome cancer. There is Natalia, a 12-year-old, drink-of-water who is rebelling against her mom and being trafficked around the city to older men. On and on I could go about one or another, but my point is this: there is still a need. I am not the Need Filler, but I can work on making the introductions to Him!

I am just a simple-minded, missionary wife who is growing older (and wider). I cook, clean, and do laundry each day while checking PACEs (homeschool workbooks) and grading tests.

I worry over my two college kids back in Florida and miss my folks and my sister. I wish I was a better aunt to my nephews and could be around for my husband's family more often, but that isn't the life God has given me. He had me leave houses and land to come and find people down here in the Serra with a need for Him. I can't let Mark carry the entire load. I have to do my part as a servant as well. After all, one of these days it will be just Jesus and I as I give an account. I don't want Him looking at me and asking why I didn't introduce Him to Guilherme, Agatha, Rosemary, or Natalia. I want to be able to bring them with me and watch them see HIM for the first time.

So, I ask that you pray for me as I look for those who need Him and hey, pray that I don't get sick from all the candy apples I eat either!

Until next month, Lord willing,

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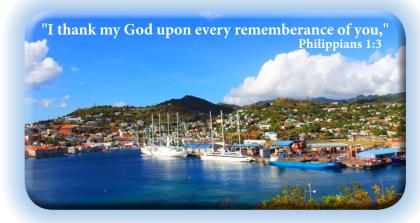
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Reflections from Grenada 198

by Dr. Gary S. Moore

he background photo for my laptop computer is a picture of the canal from the Caribbean Sea to the Port of St. George's in the island country of Grenada. It is there as a reminder of the second Youth Mission trip I made way back in 1998. We had about 35 young people on that trip. To this day, it is the most memorable I have ever lead. Just the excitement of all those people traveling together is enough to make you crazy, in a good way, and then there were so many special people along with us.

Jonathan McPeters, a student from BJU, was with us on that trip. He worked as my assistant. Now he and his family are career missionaries in Wales. He was truly changed by the impact of that trip, and he spent one entire summer as my intern at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church. I had the privilege of introducing him to his future wife and performing their wedding.

Dr. Don Sessions was also with us on that trip. What a blessing it was to

be with this great man of God as he worked alongside many he had won to Christ as a missionary to that country some years before. One night Dr. Sessions was preaching away to a school auditorium filled to overflowing when a young man, who appeared to be

a ringleader of a group of troublemakers, got up and started to walk out.

Don shouted out, "You walk out that door, young man, and you will be walking into the flames of Hell!"

The young man stopped, turned around, and sat back down for the rest of the sermon. During the invitation he was the first one to walk forward and receive Christ.

Dr. Terry McMillian was with us. He preached, cried, and shouted the entire week. He testified that once he wouldn't have wanted to be in the same church with those "black folks," but now he loved them as brothers and sisters and counted it the highest honor to preach the Gospel to them and fellowship in their churches.

Keith Johnson, who would soon become our GPA Youth Missions Director, was along on this trip as well. He served so faithfully and seemed to have such a heart for Youth Missions that one morning at the breakfast table I felt I should share with him the need we had for someone to take over for me as director. Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church, where I am pastor, was growing so fast that I couldn't possibly continue to do both. I said to him and Roberta, his wife, that I was praying that God would send someone along to work in this new, exciting ministry.

He looked at me and said, "Whatever you're asking, I'm saying yes!" He was leading the next Youth Missions trip and served until his



Dr. Gary Moore & Dr. Don Sessions baptizing in the Caribbean Sea during the Grenada '98 Mission Trip

untimely death 12 years later. Keith became one of my very best friends in the ministry, and I miss his friendship every day.

So many great men and women of God were on that trip. It's amazing to consider how God brought us all together for those two weeks and what great things were accomplished for the glory of God there on that tiny island just off the coast of Venezuela.

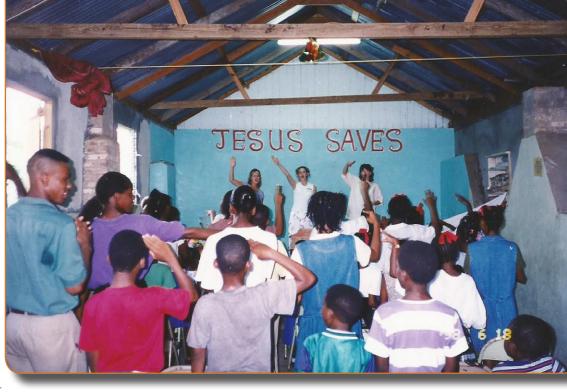
It was the first time we saw over 100 professions of faith. The program of ministry we devised that week became the pattern for all Youth Mission trips since. It truly was a time I will never forget, and it stirred a fire in me that has not gone out to this day.

Then there is Rebekah Kohl, just a teenager back in 1998, who stood around a campfire the first night and gave a testimony that she was seeking God to allow her to lead her first soul to Christ on this trip. On the same

night when Dr. Sessions stunned us all with his proclamation of doom on the young man walking out the door, Rebekah stood on the front row of the auditorium on her tiptoes praying and waiting for some young lady to walk the aisle. That night she led three precious souls to the saving knowl-

edge of Jesus Christ. Today Rebekah is the secretary of Faith Bible Baptist Church where her father, Art Kohl, is pastor. Since Grenada '98 she has made numerous short-term mission trips, led hundreds to Christ, and has been a faithful servant of the Saviour laboring in love for Jesus to the glory of God.

I believe that sharing these times of service with men and women of God; reaching the lost, encouraging the missionaries, helping the hurting and wounded changes us for the better. It opens our eyes to the power of God. It knits our hearts together in



the love of Christ, and it spurs us on to greater and more faithful service.

You might not become the next Dr. Don Sessions (then again, you might). You might be the next Rebekah Kohl,

> serving quietly yet making an eternal difference in hundreds of lives and living out the light of Jesus Christ every day.

If you hear the still, small voice of God urging you to step out in faith and commit to service in your church or on a short-term mission trip, or to surrender for a specific call, don't miss out on what God has for you. Stand up and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." 🕏



Rebekah Kohl and the 1st lady she was able to lead to Christ in Grenada



Keith Johnson & Dr. Gary Moore in Grenada





"And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed." Luke 5:16



here is a place where kids and young adults can find strength, help, and guidance, and really meet with God. It's called *The Wilderness Christian Camp* just about forty-five minutes north of Charleston, WV.

Jason Perlak had a vision of a place where youth can come in contact with the reality of the wilderness and learn more about themselves and God than they can living with all the distractions of this present world. Started in April of 2003, and now having touched hundreds of lives, Jason, his wife Kelly, and their four children are dedicated to seeing lives changed and souls saved through the ministry of this camp.

It is a true wilderness camp located on 95 acres of remote

Appalachian forest with limited access. The camp is off the grid and generates all its own power and water system. The thrust of the camp is backpacking, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing and outdoor education. Their website will give you plenty of information on each of the programs.

While many of the programs are aimed at average church kids, the largest part of the camp's focus is on troubled boys. The 13 and 20 day "Switchback" programs are geared





at teenaged young men that are off track. Most have never heard the Gos-

pel before attending camp. Some boys are court ordered to attend, and others are sent by family.

The year-round staff consists of about 8 mission supported or volunteer individuals, and the summer staff grows to 20-25, primarily made up of ministry students from Bible colleges. There is a scholarship program that funds a large amount of campers who otherwise could not attend.

The programs are all centered around creation, the Creator, and His Word. The idea is to



remove young people from the distractions around them and to place them in an environment where they can hear God speaking to them.

The ministry also host weeklong discipleship backpacking trips for adults on trails like the Appalachian



Trail. All of the glory belongs to God! He has carved out a small place in the forest where people meet with Him.

The year-round ministry staff also has an "Event Team" that travels around and helps churches organize and host events such as youth rallys, camps, retreats, conferences, and more. Bro. Jason Perlak and Operations Director, Andrew Rood, both keep full-time preaching schedules doing revivals and mission conferences around the country as well.





You can learn more about this great ministry by visiting www.TheWildernessCamp.com or you can phone them at 304-512-1162. Jason and Kelly Perlak are sent out of Harvest Baptist Church in Greenville, PA under the direction of Pastor Jeremy McClain. **



UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS









July 11-15, 2016: Eastern PA Baptist Fellowship Camp Meeting

Bro. Mike Holcomb preaching the evening meetings, Monday-Friday, 7:00 PM There will be morning meetings, Wednesday-Friday, 10:00 AM For more information, call Dr. Gary S. Moore at 610-724-3916

July 15-23, 2016: Grenada GPA Youth Mission Trip

GPA Youth Missions will be returning to Grenada in July. If you are interested in going on a youth mission trip, you can find out more information at www.gpaym.com or contact Zach Johnson at 304-521-9504

July 15-23, 2016: GPA Directors Trip to Colombia

Pastors and wives are invited to join GPA Directors, Dr. Gary Moore and Bro. Carl Hewlett for this evangelistic trip to Colombia to work alongside Christian Sua and Mauricio Lopez. For more information, visit www.gpamm.com

September 17, 2016: Mercy Project Share-a-Thon

Live streaming internet Share-a-Thon to raise money for the Mercy Project refitting and launching of Mercy's Vessel.

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The Mercy Project UPDATE

Although we had hoped to move Mercy's Vessel to New Jersey in May, we had to delay the move because of needed repairs on the portside engine. Once we were finished with the starboard engine, it was clear to our mechanics that there were problems with the second, portside, engine. So we contacted a marine mechanic from Baltimore to advise us. It worked out that the same technician who rebuilt the engine about ten years ago worked for this company out of their Philadelphia office. He was dispatched to make an assessment, and a couple of weeks later parts arrived and work began to put it right.

The end of April brought the work to a conclusion, so on May 3rd Mercy's Vessel was taken for a sea trial and both engines performed perfectly. Because of the added cost of these much needed engine repairs, we still need to raise more funds before we are ready to move to Yanks Shipyard and get the hull and main cabin work done. Please pray with us that very soon all the needed funds will be available so that we can get her ready for service.



Our Captain, Carlton Puryear, and our First Mate, Rick Montes, are available for deputation. If you would like to have either or both of them in your church, please contact our office, and we will arrange for them to come and give a presentation.



Buddy & Mary Puryear Rick & Nancy Montes





by Dr. Edwin G. Moore European Director for the GPA

A Bouquet of Flowers

'aving acquired a chapel in Wales, we had a couple of people looking after the repairs of the chapel as well as holding some services. Everything seemed to be going very well. Then a conflict arose between the lady next door and those looking after the building. At the outset it seemed to be a simple problem easily remedied, but it quickly escalated to an almost all-out war. It had to do with some chapel guttering that was dumping water onto the lady's patio. She had a legitimate complaint; however, those looking after the building felt it was not a priority. Both became very adamant that they were right in what they were doing.

The Council (a local governmental authority) got involved, and the contention escalated. The Council, at one point, sent a cherry-picker and repaired one side of the guttering but could not reach the side that was irritating the lady next door.

We were aware that there was some contention; however, we did not realize the depth and breadth of that contention until a group went to attend the GPA Convention. Then it became obvious that the lady had real problems with the Chapel and with us. On being

invited to services, she made the statement that she would never darken the door of that chapel.

On one occasion, when I was not there, two men from the Council came, I believe, with the intention of closing the chapel. The men were told they would have to talk to me later in the day. That afternoon one of the men from the Council returned, and it just so happened to be a young man who had come to know the Lord when I pastored in Ynyshir. Upon renewing our acquaintance, he explained the Council's position, and I explained what we would do, and he was satisfied that we would take care of it.

That night before the service we purchased a nice bouquet of flowers, and I took the flowers next door. At first there was quite a bit of animosity toward me from the dear lady, but with a bit of discussion and

hearing her grievance to the end, we promised to take care of the situation and even allowed her to select the builder she wanted to do the repairs. We left in peace.

That night she came into the chapel to talk with some of the people but did not attend the service.

What is the moral of the story? (Proverbs 15:1) "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." The lady began to attend chapel services. Not only that, she began to work tirelessly on cleaning, repairing, and doing many menial tasks. Eventually she came to know the Lord and is still active in the chapel.

What is the worth of a bouquet of flowers and a kind word? Who knows but what God may use them to change a life. Try it sometime. **4**

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