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March Is Missions Month for Bedford!

Systematic Theology, Email, Internet And Missions!

DAVID KROGH wrote me 2-24 about a man who lives in Memphis but is from Pakistan. (David grades the S.T. lessons that are done on-line.) Get this – this man was in ministry for 30 years and after discovering the truth through our free 29-lesson Bible study course, he feels obligated to return to his people to correct false teachings! Isn't that amazing? While TV and Internet are most often used for selling and pushing non-Christian agendas, it's wonderful to know that Christians can still use these tools to reach people for Christ. MUCH of our work now is done via email! **PASTOR BILL WACHTEL** is traveling to Spain tomorrow to teach and baptize a former Mormon Bishop! He came to the truth via email with Wachtel! We have a man who wants to be baptized in Montevideo Uruguay thanks to email.

We also have many other contacts around the world via websites and email. **ANTHONY BUZZARD** sent me this information Feb. 27th about his contacts: he has numerous contacts around the world!

Rex, You are so right to say that email and Internet has made evangelism incredibly expedient. (Remember Jesus said "this gospel must be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations" – Matt. 24:14.) One can do the work of many people as compared with the past. We get two or three new contacts every day via our website. Our books are going out (including Greg Deuble's—just about to do a second edition) via the college and also via Amazon. The numbers are small each week but overall since 1990's there are thousands and thousands of our books out there. They are readily available second hand now!

I think there are masses of people disaffected with "orthodox" churches. I gather that the house church movement is gaining ground even in United Kingdom.

Barbara and I will be at a one God conference in Australia in July, Our literature is in some 15 languages now. I never expected this kind of coverage, I just hope our pastors all realize the unspeakable privilege of spreading the great truths we have.

On no account should they compromise truth.

Thanks so much for asking.

Anthony Buzzard, teacher, lecturer, author, 2-27-09

Mission Meditations:

March 1 / Pam Weaver

March 8 / Karen Cain

March 15 / Mary Ellen

March 22 / Kathy Kostyo

March 29 / Mark Cain

THIS IS PASTOR GASTON on the left (picture too large so removed for this e-newsletter) and David Krogh in 2008 in Peru. Pastor Gaston has taken over the leadership work following Pastor Beder's death in February 2008. Pray for Pastor Gaston as he brings God's Word to the people of Lima Peru. You can GREATLY HELP him and his work in Lima by donating to our Peru campaign this month! SPIN YOUR COINS FOR PERU in our vortex jug!! Help with this work from distant readers would be much appreciated: Church of God S.S. / 689 Adams St / Bedford OH 44146.

LATER THIS MONTH, we will have a "silent auction" for crafts from around the world to help our mission work through Lord's Harvest International. Details explained each Sunday.

ERNEST GRAHAM (89), former pastor, fell asleep in Christ February 26th. He was residing in a nursing home in Lakeland FL being cared for by his daughter, Elizabeth. An obituary will appear in the Restitution Herald in the spring; services and burial will be in Dixon IL.

ALAN SHAW has been getting our newsletter for years and he writes me now and then. He recently wrote *"I enjoy receiving the bulletins from Open Bible. Say "hi" to all who still remember me. Alan"* Yes, he's been officially invited to our 50th Anniversary celebration in Sept.

RUTH SCHULD continues with her chemo treatments having one last Wednesday. Her skin rash has improved and she has gained some weight. Continue with your prayers for the family.

AMY DUNBAR PUEHLER is not doing very well. She has lost most of her ability to speak and this is difficult for her since she loved to visit with everyone. She's in a nursing home in Bowling Green Ohio. She'll be 93 in October. Remember her in your prayers.

ED GOIT'S surgery went well. The doctors said they got it all. The pathology report will take a week; he'll be recovering for about 6 weeks. He should be home by today. The family appreciates our prayers.

TODAY! - Our Annual Dutch Treat All Church Outing!

JENNIFER WETZEL will be our guest speaker for Palm Sunday, April 5th. Hope you can be here to visit with her and hear her life update and Palm Sunday message!

FRANK ROPER & MICHAL SITTEK will be leaving together for the other

side of the planet on Wednesday and returning the 31st. They will land in Prague and do more sightseeing as they did several months ago. You will be missed but both will be returning. Michal doesn't leave for the Czech Republic until June when school is out. **MICHAL** will be a big 18-years old on March 20th. That's one reason he's heading home for several days. Happy Birthday!

You Can See Joel Rosenberg's Epicenter Conference Live!
First U.S. Conference / Takes Place in San Diego
Go To www.epicenter09.com / April 4th / Noon to 7p.m. EST

Dobson Resigns as Chairman of Focus on the Family

The Associated Press reports Focus on the Family founder James Dobson, 72, has relinquished his position as chairman in the organization. The arrangement excuses him from administrative duties while letting him continue hosting his radio program and speaking on moral issues. "One of the common errors of founder-presidents is to hold to the reins of leadership too long, thereby preventing the next generation from being prepared for executive authority," Dobson said in a statement. "... Though letting go is difficult after three decades of intensive labor, it is the wise thing to do." On political matters, Dobson "will continue to speak out as he always has - a private citizen and not a representative of the organization he founded," said Gary Schneeberger, a Focus on the Family spokesman.

PRAY FOR: Sonny Koston, Bill Gallagher, Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), Bill Marsh, David Krogh, Pastors Earl Poland, Ed Goit, Alva Huffer, Don Ward & Leon Driskill, Ken Cramer, Joyce Macy Nodstrom (M.Ellen's niece), Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, W.C. Blankenship, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

March 2009 (Mission's Month)

- 08 Annual All Church Outing / Golden Corral
- 08 Daylight Saving Time Begins (clocks forward 1 hour)
- 15 Elder Steve Weaver / Pastor at NE & Minister's Conferences (GA)
- 22 Gideon Speaker
- 29 SS offering to missions

Future Dates: Apr 5, Palm Sunday – Jennifer Wetzel, speaker / Apr 12 Easter: Andrew Weaver, assisting; 'Son'rise 8a.m., Breakfast 9a.m., Worship 10a.m. / May 3, Annual Membership Mtg / Jun 1-5 CWS

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.**

Musicians: Frank Roper and Mark Cain

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

458 Does Jesus Care?

242 He is Knocking

Prayer / Offering

Mission Meditation: Karen Cain

Message: The Parable of The Orange Tree

Key Verses: Matt 9:35-38; Mk 8:34-38; Jn 15:1-8

579 Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

(Mark 8:38)