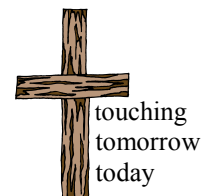


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Mission News—from Dick & Gloria Sans

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Romans 15:13

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Another Year Draws To A Close

It is always good and needed to look back to see what God has done in and through you for His glory. In some respects, it has been a very hectic year. But God is faithful. We can look back on things we might not want to recall; such as, the airways and printed matter overflowing with election campaign news. Enough is enough!

But, I can also look back on the work God called us to accomplish this same year. The recognition list below is but the headliner information—the work leading up to and following these activities is where the real perspiration was poured out.

2008 In a Nutshell

February—World Reach Latin American Regional Conference in Birmingham, AL

March—Source of Light Ministry Board Meeting

April—Hosted missionary from South Africa and completed mission trip to the World Reach Bible Institute in Colombia

May/June—Eye surgery sidelined me for a time

July—Conference in North Carolina and met with our missionary from Romania

August—Church Missions Committee new church year development needs

September—Source of Light Ministry Board Meeting and continued Missions Committee development requirements

October—World Reach Staff Meeting in Birmingham, AL

November—Meet with our missionary from Peru, SLM Board Meeting with North American Mission Association and mission trip to Colombia

December—Finalize new overseas Bible Institute beginnings for 2009

There was much to do behind the scenes with searching for and training new Bible Institute teachers (May-November '08): Evaluating and analyzing reports from World Reach teachers and national coordinators to make improvements in Institute courses; Needed books and facilities; Continue establishing the best possible Bible Institute courses for pastors and church leaders; Other important Institute matters.

God has been faithful in keeping me healthy enough throughout 2008 in order to continue the work. This same type schedule will continue during 2009 (*Lord willing*), also adding teaching in Romania to my schedule. I am blessed that God has allowed me to be used even in some small way.

And we are blessed to have you praying for us and financially supporting us so that we may go and help accomplish the Great Commission. *Thank You So Very Much!*

By your generous giving, you are supporting the training of hundreds of men and women planning their lives around the commitment of studying and proclaiming the Word of God—carefully, personally and powerfully. There is not a popular choice at most locations. They are not following the road to great financial success. Your support is vital because it helps us go and teach that they, in turn, may fulfill their mission to proclaim the truth of God’s Word accurately to their countrymen. This is the Great Commission in action and we thank you for being an important part of it. God Bless You.



Remember

Annie Johnson Flint was born on Christmas Eve, 1866, in Vineland, New Jersey. Her numerous poems offer thoughtful reflections on Scripture passages and themes. Consider the following from *The Red Sea Place*:

*Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life
Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out
There is no way back
There is no other way but through?*

Perhaps Annie Johnson Flint had Psalm 77 in mind when she wrote this poem.

The single most important word in Psalm 77 is **Remember**. It is the turning point of the entire psalm. Asaph drew strength from one of God’s greatest historical acts—the parting of the Red Sea during the Exodus. Although Asaph ended this psalm in the past tense, “you led your people” (v. 20), it’s clear that **remembering** what God had done encouraged Asaph about what God would do. As Bible scholar Willem VanGemeren wrote, “The reflection of (God’s) acts in the past is comforting to those who need Him in the present.”

Are you, I and our nation currently in a place where the only direction is ‘through’? Then we need to receive the instruction from this psalm and **remember** the Lord’s goodness and acts of deliverance in our lives. How did He call us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)? How has He led us in the past? When did we see His great power and mercy displayed? Write these events down and, as you **remember** them, ask yourself, “What god is as great as our God?”(v.13).

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season centered around the joy and blessings God has poured out on us through Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior and Lord.

May your New Year be walked out in Holiness.

Thank you for partnering with us for God's glory and man's good.

-serving Him always,

Dick & Gloria



People have their reason, in Jesus, for all seasons.