

News from the Wilsons

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***"Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him;
but the righteous will live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:4***

How are we to live when dreams die? - By Faith.

How are we to live when it seems that unrighteous people prosper? - By Faith.

How are we to live when trouble and distress seems to come like waves? - By Faith.

"How long?" and "Why?" were two questions the prophet, Habakkuk, asked of God. God answered with an answer that astonished and saddened the prophet as he was told of the coming destruction by the Chaldeans. But, the prophet got his focus back and stood to see his God act in His pronouncement of 5 woes on the unrighteous. First had to come the attack; even so, he closes with "Yet I will exalt in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength and He has made my feet like hind's feet and makes me walk on high places." The Apostle Paul must have thought about this situation as he endured all things for the sake of the chosen that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and, with it, eternal glory (*II Timothy 2:10*). The just live by faith. Living by faith is easy to do when things are smooth, but faith truly comes to rule when circumstances are hard. So, three times in the New Testament Habakkuk 2:4 is quoted. The just live by faith! How is your focus in trying times? We must focus on Christ and not let the gift of suffering (*Philippians 1:29*) derail our pursuit of following God. May we find, follow and finish God's will for our lives by the power and leading of His Holy Spirit.

Ministry

- We just completed hosting the "Regional Speech and Debate Tournament". The hours were long and tiring but it was exciting to see tomorrow's leaders learning how to communicate with passion and conviction. Houston will be the next stop for the "National Finals Tournament" in June.
- The "Studying and Leading Precept Workshop" in Wisconsin was truly a blessing. There were about 8-10 of the 32 students that expressed a desire to follow God's leading and start a class. I was warned that these people are of Norwegian descent and don't like to talk in public. Obviously, they did not know that because we had very lively discussions!
- I am preparing a study on Philippians to be taught to our body of deacons. Please pray that hearts will be transformed by the Word.

- June 1-2, I will be teaching an "Inductive Bible Study Workshop" in Greensboro, NC.
- Our trip to Kenya in August is coming up quickly. I am planning to re-do my marriage and family seminar to fulfill requirements for the Institute of Biblical Preaching. I need a lot of prayer and wisdom to get all the work done. Our team will consist of Caleb (my son) and Will Slappey. They will do discipleship with youth and show the Jesus Film. This will be a great opportunity for Caleb to experience ministry with a team and to see God use them for His glory. *(Please see his attached letter.)* Doris (my mother-in-law) and Allison Slappey will work with the wives of the pastors. Allison is in nursing school and will share much-needed public health information with the women. Also, some evangelism and discipleship in schools is planned. A full agenda is in the works.

To make the Kenya trip a reality, we must have the funds to buy the tickets this month. I need to raise approximately **\$5500**. I am trying to raise the bulk of the material costs and in-country expenses to keep the cost of the trip reasonable for the team members that are going. Unfortunately, this trip is during peak Kenyan tourist season, so airfare is at a premium. More details will be forthcoming, but since August is tourist season, we need to get tickets before the planes are full!

Please pray for God's wisdom and provision for the days ahead. We thank God for your partnership in the ministry.

For the Gospel,

Bobby



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Dear Friends,

The Lord has given me a great ministry opportunity this summer to go to Kenya, August 7-25, with my dad, my grandmother and two of my cousins. My dad will be teaching pastors and their wives about marriage and family. I will have many different ministry opportunities. I will be doing discipleship with young men from the church, evangelism in the villages and schools and showing the Jesus film. We will also work with the children and adults that were led to Christ last year when my dad, brother and a friend went to Kenya. (These kids are in the pictures.)

I need your help through your prayers and financial support. The total cost will come to around \$3500 and we have to have the money by the end of this month. Please give what the Lord tells you to give. Also, we would love to have your prayers supporting us in our ministry.

Many of you helped send me to Honduras last summer for a construction trip and I am very thankful for that experience. I look forward to this trip even more since we will have an opportunity to share Christ and disciple youth.

If you would like to support this trip, please send a check to World Reach at the address below and indicate on the envelope it is for "Caleb Wilson, Kenya Trip".

For Christ,

Caleb Wilson

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