



Merry Christmas from the Wilsons

December 2007

Luke 2:25-35

Simeon was waiting with anticipation to see the Lord's Christ, the Lord of Salvation, the light to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. Simeon was a faithful follower of God. His character qualities and the presence of the Holy Spirit reveal that he was a child of Abraham by faith. He is only mentioned in a few verses, then fades out of the picture. But, he left a lasting legacy. He saw whom he had long awaited and then pointed people to the Christ child. He could die in peace.

In the busyness of this season with all the distractions of daily life, this passage makes me ask myself, *"Who am I? What drives me? What should I be focused on? What really matters? Am I as focused as Simeon? Does my character reveal what Simeon's did?"* Meditate on the text and we can find some answers from the revealer of hearts (*verse 35*).

Pause to Praise

As this year comes to a close, I am mindful of what a blessing it is to serve our risen Savior. Looking back over the past 14 years of travel, I am amazed at what God has allowed us to do.

I began with the desire to see people firmly established in God's Word so they would know our Lord and Savior in such a way that their lives would be transformed. That desire has not changed.

Words cannot express the joy of seeing people learning how to study and apply the Word of God to their lives. Since we began, workshops, seminars and Bible institutes have been taught in 12 countries. Lolly, Daniel, Caleb and I have ministered the Word . . . from how to study the Bible, marriage seminars and theology courses, the focus has been and will continue to be on the Word of God. Truly, it is powerful and cuts through ourselves to reveal truth and often our sinfulness. Thank God for grace which instructs us how to live for Christ Jesus (*Titus 2:11-14*).

I am so thankful for your partnership. You prayed, you gave and I went on your behalf. May God add to your account.

Pause to Plan

There is a lot of work yet to do—

- A group in Romania has requested training.
- My heart's desire is to go back to Ukraine and teach another round of seminars on "Marriage and Family".
- Needs continue in Kenya.

- There is an open door of opportunity for a medical team.
- There are still places with no Gospel presence, and that stirs my heart.
- A work has begun with Ahom people of India, but thousands more need to hear the Gospel.
- Opportunities to train people how to study and lead small groups in the USA have multiplied. Many men want to know how study so they will know their God and be equipped to lead their families and small groups.
- Churches need to be renewed and revived, one person at a time.

Pause to Ask

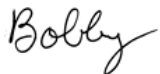
But, I need your help—

- ▶ I need your **prayers** for clarity in our ministry direction.
- ▶ I need your **financial partnership**.
- ▶ I need your **support**. I have to confess, I have ministered beyond our support this year. I still have 6 months of expenses that need to be covered. What I can plan for and do next year will depend on how this year closes out. You are our lifeline through the provision of God. There is no government subsidy and no matching gift offer to wave. We depend wholly on our God who directs hearts.

By the time you read this, I will be in Kenya training pastors at the World Reach Bible Institute by faith that you will pray, seek God and respond as He leads. We will give Him the praise.

Have a blessed Christmas!

For the Gospel,



Bobby, Lolly, Daniel, Caleb, Anna and Ruth

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