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# **Editor's Notes**



Jim & Mary Fellure

This is Saturday, October 20, and I am writing these notes from Laporte, Texas, where I will preach all day tomorrow for Pastor Phil Dunn and the Lighthouse Baptist Church at the beginning services of their annual Faith Promise Mission Conference.

The first part of September I preached for Pastor Travis Lane and the Astatula Baptist Church in Astatula, Florida. I have only known Pastor Lane for two years, but it didn't take long to know that he is one of our kind. He's doing a good work in Central Florida.

The second week in September, I flew down to Mexico City to be with Missionary Adam Thompson. Pastor Tim, Brother Mark Yorey, Brother Rich Godinez and Brother Bill Richburg had flown down on Monday, September 10, and went to the mountains with Brother Humberto Gomez to work with the Aztek Indians for a few days. On Friday, September 14, they met me in Pachuca, Mexico and we started gearing up for the big "Saturation Operation" on Saturday night, September 15 (Mexicos' Independence Day). In addition to us five from Florida, and Pastor Bevins Welder and his wife Anne from Corpis Cristi, Texas, Brother Thompson had about eighty people from his church on the streets passing out the 40,000 Spanish John/Romans VBP had printed. In less than two and a half hours, every one of them was passed out. Some people were saved on the street and people were in church the next day for both the morning and evening service as a result of the literature.

On Sunday morning, Brother Thompson and the church met for the first time in their new building. Pastor Tim preached to a full house, and five people made a first time profession of faith.

After the distribution of the John/Romans on Saturday night, Missionary Matt Johnson took me to spend the night at his home about one and a half hours west of Pachuca in Tula, Mexico. I preached on Sunday morning in the church he started six years ago. Brother Johnson's beautiful new building was full, and people were saved in the services. Tula is home to the largest oil refinery in Latin America, and Brother Johnson had won one of the three top men over the operation of the refinery to Christ, and at the close of the service the man was baptized. Many of this man's family and lost Catholic friends were there for the baptism, so they also heard the Gospel and, no doubt, many of them will be saved in the near future.

That Sunday night I was back in Pachuca and saw the building filled to capacity for the evening service.

We then returned to Florida and attended our home churche's annual Faith Promise Mission Conference and had our annual VBP Field Rep meeting the last week in September. As usual, the Faith Promise commitment was well over \$200,000, and the pastor reported that last year the church gave more than \$280,000 to missions.

The first Saturday in October, I was privileged to take part in a surprise celebration for our good friends, Pastor and Mrs. Ed Leake of Charlottesville, Virginia. The Leakes celebrated twenty years of pastoring the Colonial Baptist Church and thirty-five years of marriage.

I left Charlottesville that night at 9:00 pm and drove until 2:00 am the next morning, got a motel in Warsaw, North Carolina, and slept until 7:00 am. I awoke refreshed with only one more hour to drive to Holly Ridge, North Carolina, where I preached a four day revival for Pastor Howard Slough and the good folks at the Victory Baptist Church.

I then had one day at home and got some exercise pulling weeds and grass out of our fall garden. I have kale, turnips, mustard, onions, broccoli, rutabagas, cabbage, and collards coming on. To me, there is no food better than fresh, home grown vegetables.

The following Sunday I visited a relatively new church in Houma, Louisiana, and was in the Calvary Baptist Church in Jennings, Louisiana on Sunday night where Brother Buddy Howard is the pastor. Brother Howard is an excellent preacher that is not afraid to sound the battle cry. I gave this good supporting church an update on the ministry

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice.

We BELIEVE in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

WE BELIEVE in the deity of Christ - His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

WE BELIEVE all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour.

WE BELIEVE that men are born again through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world.

and enjoyed Pastor Howards preaching.

On Monday I made it on to Houston for the Shady Acres Baptist Church Mission Conference. This was the fifteenth year I have been in this conference, and it was the best one yet. The conference ended on Thursday night with a \$370,000 faith promise commitment for next year. Last year the church actually gave \$407,000 to missions.



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

It is no coincidence that the only difference in spelling for the written word and the incarnate Word is the capitalization of the letter "w." To know the written word is to know the incarnate Word, Jesus. This should come as no surprise. Men often search diligently the written works of great men of the past to learn as much as possible about who they really were and how they thought, what made them tick, so to speak. We can learn these same things about Jesus by reading what He wrote. I believe so many people are lured into false religions because they simply do not know God's written word well enough and are fooled into believing in another Jesus. That is why we print the written word of God, so people can get to know the incarnate Word, how He thinks, and what makes Him tick. The best part is, that once they get to know Him, they are not studying a personality of the past, but a real person of the present that affects the world in very real ways now and will continue to in the future. Currently in the shop, we are working on collating 450,000 Gospels of John in the Luganda language. I had a lot of difficulty getting the covers we had printed to feed through our collator, but our people have stepped up to the plate and have been collating them in their homes. They still have

to be stitched and trimmed here, and the Lord has helped me with that as well. It has been difficult to keep up with the folks collating, but that is a blessing. Also, Seedline International has volunteered to help us with the project as well. I sent roughly half of them up to Indiana a few weeks ago to be collated and bound up there.

Seedline International has also purchased a truckload of paper for us to print John/Romans for them in several languages and is here in the shop now waiting to be printed. It looks like the next several months we will be overwhelmed with work, and I am glad for that. I do not like to see the equipment all sitting idle. It seems that I always have something to do, but I tend to get a little frustrated when a lot of that "busy-ness" is not producing God's written word.

There are other projects in the pipeline, but my plate is full for now, and we will concentrate on getting what we have out the door so more people can get to know the incarnate Word through the written word.

> May God bless you, Bro. Albert Berg

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### Editor's notes ...

For many years the ladies of Shady Acres Baptist Church have hand made beautiful quilts and given them to missionaries. This year they gave me one with Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," written in one of the blocks. My wife loves the quilt, and we will cherish it as long as we live.

Yesterday I drove to Huntsville, Texas, and had a good two hour visit with Joshua Thompson in the Texas state prison. Josh Thompson, and his twin brother Caleb are wonderful Christian young men that are incarcerated unjustly. Their wives and family are some of the sweetest, dedicated Christians that I have ever met. I count it a great privilege to have them as personal friends. If any of our readers would like to know more about the Thompson case, look at their website at www.remembermybonds2.com, and please remember to pray for them.

After yesterday's prison visit, I drove about thirty miles down to Conroe, Texas,

and preached for Pastor Lupe Sanchez and the Bible Baptist Church in their missions conference.

After the meeting here in Laporte tomorrow with Pastor Dunn, I will go home for four days, then go preach for our long time friend, Pastor Joel Greer and the Branch Hill Baptist Church of Loveland, Ohio, and that will finish up the month of October.

The first week in November, I will be in a five day mission conference with Pastor G. E. Hardesty and the Western Hills Baptist Church in Glendale, Arizona. This will be an unusual meeting because my wife will travel with me. Mary has stayed home and taken care of her mother, who just turned ninety-four, and I have traveled alone for the past eleven years. We have made arrangements for her mother to be taken care of, and we had plenty of free air miles, so we will be together in this meeting. Praise the Lord!

We will return from Arizona on Monday, November 12, and I am scheduled for surgery on my nose the next day. I had three surgeries in March and thought the problem was taken care of, but either the doctor didn't get all the cancer the first time, or a new area has shown up. Either way they have to cut some more. The only parts of the surgery I dread are the shots in my nose the nurse gives and the healing time. The nurse always says "I know it hurts! I'm sorry," and smiles as though she is really enjoying making me cry, and while the incisions are healing, I have so many white bandages on my face I could almost pass for a KKK member.

These bouts with the doctor always slow us up for awhile. Please pray for us to not be detained from what God has called us to do. I can still work around the shop and in the office, but it is difficult to travel and preach with my face bandaged up.

Thank you for your prayers and support, and may God continue to bless all you do for Him.

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**Paul and Rachael Edes:** Paul has been in Victory Baptist Church since 1991. While attending Oklahoma Baptist College in Oklahoma City, he met Rachael, and after graduation in May of 2005, they were married and started their service for the Lord together. We are glad to have this fine,

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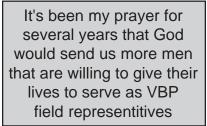
## Brother Bill Richburg General Field Director writes If we had more workers, we could print more scriptures.

On a mission trip to Old Mexico, God broke my heart about the great need for the Scriptures on the mission fields, and led me to resign the pastorate and become a field representitive for Victory Baptist Press. We began calling our pastor friends, and the Lord began lining up the meetings. At first I worked a full-time job and booked out on the weekends, but in just a short time our meetings were keeping us out more than we were at home. It's been ten years and anyone who knows me knows that I haven't missed any meals and the Lord has met our every need.

After preaching and presenting the needs of VBP in a church recently someone handed me a check. As we drove away from the church I handed the check to Vicki, and when she opened it up, we had to stop and praise the Lord for another two rolls of paper (\$1,000). What a joy it is to be part of a ministry like this and to realize that somewhere in the world today someone opened a copy of God's Word and began to read it, possibly for the first time. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17), and we were allowed to have a part in it.

We praise the Lord for the other field reps that carry the same burden that we do. We presently have four families serving as field representatives, plus our director Bro. Jim Fellure and his wife Mary, who have given their lives to see that the presses continue to roll, not to mention the men in the shop and the ladies

who manage the bookstore, but <u>if we had more</u> <u>workers we could print</u> <u>more scriptures</u>. It's been my prayer for several years that God would send us more men that are willing to give their lives to serve as VBP field



representitaves. With ten's of thousands of churches to try and inform about VBP and so many requests waiting to be supplied, how we could use the help. Please help us pray in the extra workers.

If you would allow me or one of the other field rep's to come to your church and share the burden of providing the Scriptures to a lost and dying world, please give us a call. You can reach me at 864-506-2380.

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Blessings & Benefits by Mrs. Pam Leake

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. (Ps. 68:19)

Sometimes life gets so hectic and so knotted up with tight schedules, pressing deadlines and frustrations galore that we often miss the many little blessings the Lord has for us. I have found that I must concentrate on paying attention to who and what is around me with the purpose of seeing the blessings of God in my life, otherwise I miss them!

I experienced one such blessing recently in the church where my husband preached a mission conference. We were familiar with the church, but had not visited there in a number of years. A little exhausted from the drive, we came into the sanctuary to greet some of the early arrivers. What a blessing to see old friends and meet new ones. Then as I looked toward the rear of the sanctuary a familiar face appeared...it was Rocky! As this tall young man with a huge smile lighting up his face caught sight of us, he quickly made his way forward to greet us. I was thrilled to see that he was still there. His quick hug, pat on the back and truly sincere "Hi!" made the long trip just a brief memory.

Rocky Miracle (yes, that's his name) is one of God's many little blessings in my life. Whether at birth or after I do not know, Rocky's mental development was affected. He is, however, the kindest and gentlest young man I have ever met. For as long as I can remember he has been attending that church and the love of Christ is so evident in his life. In every service you can see Rocky, making his way to each person, greeting them with a smile and a hug or pat on the back.

Though some may think there is not much Rocky could do for the cause of Christ, I know the Lord is using him in a very special way. He has been singing in the choir for a number of years and also sings in the youth choir as well. As he sings of Calvary or his home in heaven, the words may not come out clearly from his mouth, but the love of Christ overflows as tears from his eyes as he lifts his hand in praise. Most of those in church today may consider it a chore or "I have to" sing praise to the Lord, but Rocky is just happy that he "gets" to sing!

Now Rocky has a special job in the services - he is called upon to pray for God's blessing on the offering. Though his speech is not perfect, I know his words come from his heart, and that closing "A-a-a-men" rings in my ear even now. That perpetual smile and joy of the Lord in Rocky is so uplifting. It is one of those often missed blessings of the Lord. Rocky is the proof of the scripture in 1 Corinthians 1:26-27: "...how that not many wise men after the flesh...are called:...and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty..."

When I stop to consider those special blessings in my life, I have to say "Thank you, Lord, for Rocky Miracle!" Note: Email Pam Leake at pamleake@colonialbaptist-cville.org

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### THE ZEAL OF THINE HOUSE HATH EATEN ME UP

The following story was told about young Teddy Roosevelt:

"Mittie (his mother) had found he was so afraid of the Madison Square Church that he refused to set foot inside if alone. He was terrified, she discovered, of something called the 'zeal.' It was crouched in the dark corners of the church ready to jump at him, he said. When she asked what a zeal might be, he said he was not sure, but thought it was probably a large animal like an alligator or a dragon. He had heard the minister read about it from the Bible. Using a concordance, she read him those passages containing the word 'zeal' until suddenly, very excited, he told her to stop. The line was from the Book of John, 2:17: "And his disciples remembered that it was written, 'The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.' "

Could it be that some people are still justifiably afraid to come near the "zeal" of the Lord, for they are perfectly aware it could "eat them up" as well.

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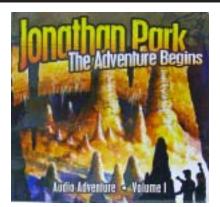
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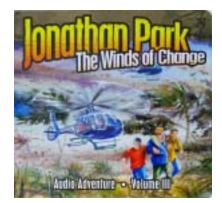
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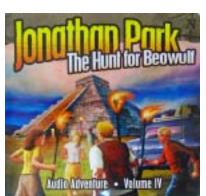
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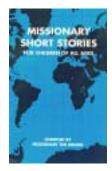




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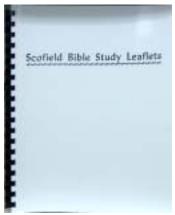


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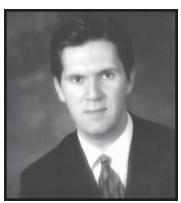
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Pastor Tim Fellure

### The Wind Of The Holy Ghost

### John 20:19-22

Our text takes us behind closed doors to some obscure second-floor room where eleven disciples huddle together in fear and uncertainty. It is Sunday night of the resurrection, and several women have secretly come to the hideout with reports of the empty tomb. Despite the promises of the Lord and the eyewitnesses who had visited the burial site, the disciples were not yet fully convinced that the Lord had risen from the dead. But sometime that evening, Jesus appeared and presented Himself to the disciples. The wounds in His hands and feet and side were irrefutable - Luke would say "infallible proofs." That evening Jesus commissioned His disciples – "...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." and then breathed on them saying, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost:"

The fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the Holy Ghost was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. As they waited in the upper room, a sound filled the room like a mighty wind. Cloven tongues of fire came and rested on each disciple. They were filled with the Holy Ghost and were given the ability to speak in languages they had never spoken before. What happened here in Acts 2 has been misinterpreted, misunderstood, and misapplied probably more than any other scripture in the Bible. Pentecost was a "first-time, only-time, never-to-be*repeated*" event. Some denominations are looking for another Pentecost; when we just need to enter into the Pentecost that has already been given.

There are three great days or places in the Bible that you should always keep before you. **Bethlehem** presents *God with us*. The incarnation of the Son of God was God manifest in the flesh. **Calvary** presents *God* for us. Paul declared that the church was purchased with the blood of God. **Pentecost** presents *God in us*. The Holy Spirit indwelt the believers on that day and has permanently indwelt every believer since then. Then you should keep in mind that none of those great events will ever be repeated. There will not be another Pentecost just as there will never be another Bethlehem or Calvary. From the book of Acts, the disciples experienced three changes when the wind began to blow.

### No Cowardice In Their Witnessing!

Acts 2:4; 4:31. For months the disciples had cowered in a secret place for fear that what had happened to Jesus would happen to them. Remember that these are the same group of men who forsook the Lord when He went to Calvary, and that the boldest of them denied the Lord to a maid. John tells us that they were hiding "for fear of the Jews." But when the wind began to blow, they were given a boldness they had not known before.

Witnessing is not a matter of having a gift of gab; it is a matter of having the gift of God. In my natural state, I'm like Timothy, who was timid and who hesitated to speak out. But when the wind of the Holy Spirit blows in my life, I can share my testimony and witness of Christ with boldness. When Peter and John began to preach, the High Priest held a council of all the priests to determine how to stop them. They brought Peter and John in and threatened them if they did not stop their preaching. Peter replied, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." The wind of the Holy Spirit had blown away all cowardice in witnessing.

### No Coldness In Their Worship!

Acts 2:44-47. When these men came out of that upper room filled with the Holy Ghost, they were on fire. Before they had hid their beliefs, but now they showed the world what true worship was all about. Worship takes place in the heart. It may be expressed by the raising of hands or the singing praises, but that is merely an expression of the heart. I have been in meetings where there were plenty of hallelujahs and carrying on, but noise is not always worship. You can make noise and your heart not be right. Jesus said of the Pharisees, "*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me.*" When God looks down, He's not looking to see if you are raising your hand or making more noise than the others – He is looking at your heart.

Worship is something that is enjoyed by God and beneficial to the saint. But there is a third effect of worship: true worship should be attractive to sinners. The early church experienced phenomenal growth, and I believe some of it can be attributed to the worship practices of the disciples. It was so genuine and Spirit-filled, that people were drawn to it. One of the reasons why the charismatic churches are growing so much is because their worship is attractive to the world. The sinner does not care about doctrine; he wants something that is alive. That does not mean we should go contemporary and turn our worship services into entertainment, but I do believe that a Spirit-led service is attractive. We should seek to worship with such heart and soul and love for Jesus, that people in our midst who are unsaved will see that we have something that only God can give.

#### No Compromise In Their Work!

The Lord Jesus had left the message of the cross in the hands of eleven men ... and only one of them was really dedicated to the cause. Simon Peter denied him. Thomas doubted him. James and John solicited a key position in the kingdom. But when the wind of the Holy Ghost blew into their lives, they turned the world upside down for Christ. By the end of the first century, the entire Roman empire had been saturated with the Gospel.

It has been said that the problem the church is facing is that every Christian has the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit doesn't have every Christian. The Holy Spirit is dwelling in every believer; but He is not dynamic in every believer. Every believer possesses the Spirit, but the Spirit does not possess every believer. There is no limit to what God could do through us in our church, our job, our life, and our home if we would desire the breath of God. The difference in the disciples of the gospels and the apostles of the book of Acts was the wind of the Holy Spirit. And that same Holy Spirit will make the same difference in our lives.