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Jim & Mary Fellure

t is early Saturday morning, September 3,

▲ and I am writing from my motel room in Durham, North Carolina. I will fly home on Thursday of next week and get prepped for surgeries on my nose. The skin cancers that were removed left a very unnatural nose structure which has to be reconstructed. The doctor didn't promise that I will look any better, only that I will be back to normal.

My personal notes didn't appear in the last issue, and several of our friends called or emailed asking if I had left the ministry. Not at all, I just forfeited the space to make room for other important information. I assure you, nothing has changed in our doctrine, principles, or practices, but I do appreciate the concern of our many friends.

Brother Berg usually has his notes with print shop news on page three. He has forfeited his allotted space in this issue in order to make room for the mission letter, "Don't forget my people," by missionary John Allen. Brother Berg's notes will be in the next issue with a full report on the recovery from lightning strikes that temporarily took out the big web press and one of our digital printers.

I recently read a book on communication, both written and spoken. The author gave some excellent advice in this powerful one-liner, 'If you don't have anything to say, don't say it." If a missionary writes a prayer letter every three or four months and says nothing of interest, it's obvious that he has nothing of interest to say. Thank God, VBP has a lot to report on. There is just not enough room to tell all that is happening. The men are working every day doing pre-press work, and printing and binding Bibles, New Testaments, or Bible portions of some sort, and shipping them, without charge, to some part of the world several times each week. In order to accomplish this task, it takes all of the regular monthly support from churches and individuals who believe in what VBP is doing. It also takes all of the one time, special offerings, (usually raised by our field reps., Brother Bill Richburg and Brother Shawn Dunn), the extra print jobs and book sales, and the memorial gifts brought in from the memorial card racks supplied by Pastor Lee Cadenhead and his church in Brewton, Alabama, Add to this, all of the volunteer help we get in the print shop, and, like it seems to be with all other Bible printing ministries, we are still far short of meeting the need for the printed Word.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Occupy till I come." We plan to do our best to obey that command.

Jim Fellure

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- Become a volunteer worker. Without the volunteer help by many friends who help print, assemble, and ship Scriptures, the progress would be greatly hindered.
- "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:" (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Saturday, August 27, 2011

From John Allen Missionary to Papua, New Guinea

"Don't Forget My People"

On the west side of our Kamea people lives another people known as the Tewata or Tainae. Their numbers are much smaller than the Kamea, perhaps numbering only around 1,000. They live in a few villages in a very isolated area, without an airstrip, an aid post, or any development. We know them because they hike a full, hard day to come to us for health care.

My wife has ministered to many Tewata peoples' health needs. Most who we meet come from a village called Pangoni (Pan-go-nee).

Andrew has been their spokesman and representative. He has been able to speak some English and write in Pidgin. Somewhere along the way he heard the Gospel and trusted Christ as his Savior, and has had a good testimony of it. He never

asked for anything; well, nothing, except for a missionary. He knew a missionary would bring some medical help to his people; but more than that, he wanted us to plant a church there so that the Gospel could be preached to his people and they could learn for themselves what God said in His Word. Andrew was responsible for some of his own people coming to Christ, but he wanted help.

On every visit to us, Andrew always had a warm handshake and time for a story. I enjoyed seeing him come, and our parting always ended the same. "Brother John," Andrew would say, holding my hand and looking into my eyes, "Don't forget my people."

It was the same when I last saw him before I came home on furlough. "Don't forget my people. Tell your people in America that we need a missionary to come live with us, to learn our language and tell us about Jesus. Don't forget my people."

Yesterday I met with two new PNG missionaries, and we did talk of Andrew's people. I also shared it with their pastor. Two hours later I got word from my son Matt: Andrew was dead.



Andrew suffered with chronic breathing problems, as many of our people do. He had just received medicine the day before, and seemed to be all right. But in the night, he had a breathing attack. His last words to those with him were, "Take me, Jesus."

I write you this story to fulfill my promise to my friend Andrew. I won't forget his people. Friends, they need a missionary among the isolated Tewata/Tainae people. They have no spokesman now. Look at the picture of me and my friend Andrew. And then, will you pray "the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest" among the Tewata/Tainae people?

Will you consider going yourself? Look at Andrew in the picture, and hear him say, "Don't forget my people."

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After pastoring two churches for a total of twenty-four years and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for scripture printing became so real to Bro. Dunn and his wife Emma, that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.

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A Disgraced idealist

Karl F.A. Gutzlaff (1803-1851)

ne historian described him as, variously, "a saint, a crank, a visionary, a true pioneer, and a deluded fanatic." Karl Gutzlaff provides a poignant example of how Christ is preached even through those with many shortcomings.

Gutzlaff, young and zealous, skirted the coast of China in his boat, delivering Chinese tracts. The free-lance missionary had recently lost his wife and daughter after several years of mission work in Indonesia and Thailand.

By the late 1840s, the reports from Gutzlaff's work in China were glowing: the 300 Chinese Gutzlaff had trained to evangelize China in one generation had distributed thousands of New Testaments and counted no fewer than 2,871 baptized converts. Supporters back home were enthusiastic--until the hoax was discovered in 1850.

Gutzlaff was in Europe promoting his mission work at the time, but evidence suggests he already knew he had been deceived by his Chinese workers. They had concocted the conversion numbers and had secretly sold back to the printer New Testaments Gutzlaff had paid to have printed in the first place. The printer would sell them again to an unsuspecting Gutzlaff.

More serious still: for fear of losing financial support, Gutzlaff chose to gloss over the growing discrepancies. When this all came to light, he was disgraced. A disheartened Gutzlaff returned to China to try and pick up the pieces. One year later he died.

If history judges Gutzlaff as a "deluded fanatic," it must add that he was a fool and a fanatic for Christ. In Indonesia and in Thailand (where he and his wife translated the complete Bible into Siamese) and in China, he was foolish enough to dress, eat, and live like those he sought to evangelize--a radical step in his day. He deftly blended evangelism with social concern, as when he helped to negotiate the end to the First Opium War, in 1842.

And though the mission organization he founded, Chinese Union, died with him, out of its soil grew the Chinese Evangelization Society, which sent Hudson Taylor to China in 1853, only two years after Gutzlaff's death. Taylor himself remembered and honored Gutzlaff by calling him "the grandfather of the China Inland Mission."

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Hudson Taylor and Missions to China,

Overly Suspicious

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve said "You're running around with other women," "You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest.

It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.



Blessings & Benefits Mrs. Pam Leake

The Blessing of A Friend

s I walked through the hallway at church they passed me, arm in arm, two best friends - girls of about

twelve years of age. They've been friends almost since they met at church, several years ago. Even approaching their teen years, and having little contact outside of church, they have remained best friends, laughing and sharing with each other each time they meet at church. Then, out of a classroom came two young boys, each about six years old, lost in conversation about a topic of interest only to six-year-old boys. They are great pals, and their faces and actions reveal the friendship they enjoy. I couldn't help but smile as I witnessed those two pairs of friends, displaying outwardly the expression of true friendship. What a blessing it is to have friends!

Everyone needs a friend, especially the greatest friend of all – the Lord Jesus Christ! But on our earthly journey, a friend is one of the great treasures of life. They occupy a position that is different from spouse or relative. To have someone with whom to share your thoughts, your fears, your dreams and your burdens is truly something to cherish. However, a lasting friendship doesn't just happen on its own. Once developed, it must be nurtured and maintained. Proverbs 18:24 says that "a man that hath friends must shew himself friendly..." and Proverbs 27:10 instructs that we not forsake our friends. Another defining characteristic of true friendship is found in Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loveth at all times..." A true friend can be lost through neglect, but through careful maintenance that relationship can grow stronger and remain lasting.

I'm thankful for the blessing of friends that I have and I treasure them. Friendship is not necessarily about quantity, but quality, and the Lord has so arranged in my life that I have had the privilege to meet and become friends with some wonderful pastors' wives and other Christian women, and my husband is blessed with a number of good, close friends in the ministry. Due to constraints of distance and schedules, we may not have frequent face to face contact, but there are many means of keeping in touch and maintaining that friendship. They are gifts from God, and, truly, rich blessings in our lives.

If you are blessed with friends, the kind that love you, weep with you, rejoice with you, yet are honest with you and may challenge you to greater and higher goals, thank the Lord for them and nurture and maintain that relationship. They are precious jewels that decorate your life.

Note: Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. You may email her at: pamleake@colonialbc.org

Borrowed Illustrations

Everybody Is Doing It!

No matter how many people steal, stealing is still wrong. No matter how many people lie, lying is still wrong. No matter how many people commit adultery, adultery is still wrong. No matter how many people commit murder, murder is still wrong. Sinning is never made better by more people doing it. The problem of evil is not solved by multiplication, but by subtraction and usually by amputation.

There Are No Necessary Evils!

Once we assuage our conscience by calling something a "necessary evil," it begins to look more and more necessary and less and less evil.

He Was A Saint!

Two brothers had terrorized a small town for decades. They were unfaithful to their wives, abusive to their children, and dishonest in business. The younger brother died unexpectedly. The surviving brother went to the pastor of the local church. "I'd like you to conduct my brother's funeral," he said, "but it's important to me that during the service, you tell everyone my brother was a saint."—"But he was far from that," the minister countered.—The wealthy brother pulled out his checkbook. "Reverend, I'm prepared to give \$100,000 to your church All I'm asking is that you publicly state that my brother was a saint."—On the day of the funeral, the pastor began his eulogy this way. "Everyone here knows that the deceased was a wicked man, a womanizer, and a drunk. He terrorized his employees and cheated on his taxes." Then he paused. "But as evil and sinful as this man was, compared to his older brother, he was a saint!"

Dirt For Sale

I was riding along a highway the other day and saw a sign, "Dirt for sale." I said, "They ought to hang that over every rack of paperbound books in the drugstores of America." Not since Manhattan Island was sold for \$24 has there been so much dirt available for so little money as now.

-- Vance Havner

The Great Transition

We live in a strange society where we make documentaries of serial killers, movie idols out of organized crime members, authors out of political crocks, and role models out of criminals who beat the system...I don't know when crime went from being news to entertainment, but somehow it's made the transition.

Toxic-Waste Dump



ave you ever wondered where the doctrine of the Freedom of Religion started? Roger Williams, the founder of the State of Rhode Island, in addition to starting the First Baptist Church in America, was the first to influence a colony to make slavery illegal, to guarantee the separation of Church and State, and to provide freedom of religion for all of its citizens. Through his great sacrifice, an example was provided, and in 1776, the great state of Virginia included the same freedoms in their state constitution. Not long after this, the framers of the Constitution of the United States came under the influence of those who had followed the principles that Roger Williams had pioneered, and in part, they included these words—"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;..."—into the Constitution of the United States of America.

Dr. David Gibbs in his excellent book, One Nation Under God, says, "Wherever the story of freedom is told, Rhode Island's founder, Roger Williams must be remembered. He was a true pioneer for Christian liberty."

Note: VBP has prepared a very brief, but informative, pamphlet which is a mini biography of the life and ministry of Roger Williams called, *The Story Behind the Picture*. One free copy will be shipped with each picture which is ordered.



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Pastor Tim Fellure

Help For Suffering Saints

2 Corinthians 11

Most of the New Testament is the story of Jesus Christ and Paul. Acts 9-28 and much of the epistles are the biography of Paul's conversion and ministry. His credentials were that he was of the tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee, and well-respected in Judaism. After witnessing the stoning of Stephen, his conscience was pricked and the Holy Ghost began to work on his hate-filled heart. It was on the road to Damascus that he was converted and then became the greatest missionary and preacher this world has ever known.

As soon as he was converted, he began to preach the Gospel. The one who once destroyed the Gospel was now distributing the Gospel. And out of all the apostles, prophets, and evangelists, Paul was primarily responsible for the spread of the Gospel in the Roman Empire.

And there seems to be a pattern in the Scriptures, and even in history, that the greater a man becomes, the greater suffering he endures. And so it was with Paul. It seems strange that the greatest man in the New Testament suffered more than anybody else.

1) Paul's Pain in Suffering!

Review the life of Paul, and get an distress for the cause of Christ. appreciation for the magnitude of what this man publicly suffered for Christ. When you put it all in one basket, it floods your mind to realize the price this one man paid for his faith. In Acts 9, during his first visit to Damascus after getting saved, the people plotted to kill him. Later in that chapter, he escaped Damascus and went to Jerusalem, where the people plotted to kill him there.

and a new ministry. And for the rest of his life someone would be plotting his death: in Macedonia in Acts 20; in Jerusalem before the Jewish mob in Acts 21; in Jerusalem again before the Sanhedrin in Acts 23; and then in Caesarea at the hands of even more Jews in Acts 25.

him, but many believers didn't trust him. In fact, when he first came to Jerusalem after his conversion it was the disciples that were suffering is found in 1 Cor. 1:29: "That no suspicious: "And when Saul was come to Jerusalem he assaved to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple" (Acts 9:26). You can't blame them - former persecutor turned preacher - but what a way to be accepted into the fellowship! The disciples distrusted him, the Jews hated him, the rejected him, and Satan townspeople oppressed him. Public ridicule was the most usual response he got from his sermons, and false accusations were thrown against him from every side.

He was put in prison in Philippi, Caesarea, and Rome. As if all that were not enough, it would seem that even nature was against this man. He experienced three shipwrecks, one of which is told in Acts 27. There the ship encountered a great storm, all the passengers were thrown overboard, he drifted to an island and promptly got snake-bitten!

But probably the greatest pain this man experienced was when his own friends for sook him. He wrote to Timothy these emotional words: "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thess alonica: Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.—At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I prav God that it may not be laid to their charge" (2 Tim. 4:10, 16). Paul gave his testimony of suffering in passages such as 2 Cor. 6:4-5; 7:5; 11:23-26, and the magnitude of what he endured is incredible. More than any other man outside Jesus Christ, this man suffered hardship and

2) Paul's Philosophy of Suffering!

As you read through Paul's letter, you find a philosophy of suffering that came to him over his lifetime, and it is a philosophy of weakness. The world worships power - military power, economic power - but God blesses the weak. Suffering is ordained of God to weaken us, and when we are weak we

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too. What a way to start out as a Christian learn to depend on Christ and His power. That is a complete reversal of worldly philosophy. We look for strong leadership, good charisma, commanding personality -God looks for weakness. Because with God, the foolishness of man is better than the wisdom of man without God. With God. the weakness of man is better than the And it wasn't just his enemies that hated strength of man without God (1 Cor. 1:27; 2 Cor. 12:10).

> The key to Paul's philosophy of flesh should glory in his presence." Could our problem today be that we're too big for our britches? We are so advanced and sophisticated and theological and intellectual that our strength has become our weakness and prevents God from using us. You may argue that Paul was intellectual and wise and influential, and he was. But he didn't rest upon his own powers; he depended upon the power of God. Those things that had been a gain to him were counted loss for the excellency of Christ.

3) Paul's Prize For Suffering!

2 Tim. 4:5-7 - "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" Paul wrote that from prison while awaiting his execution. He had experienced both public persecution and private pain, but he had learned that God uses the weakness that suffering creates as a canvas for His grace.

In 1798, Napoleon Bonaparte and his French navy were invading Egypt. A British fleet of 14 ships led by Lord Horatio Nelson intercepted them and began what history remembers as the Battle of the Nile. The victory for the British was decisive and was a turning point in the French Revolutionary Wars. When Lord Nelson reported the victory to the British Admiralty he said, "Victory is not a large enough word to describe what has taken place." And when Paul spoke of his triumph over all of his trials and sufferings, he chose the biggest word available in his language: "conquerors." But that word was not big enough so he just said, "...we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."