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- *Medical Ministry*, page 330

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Prophecy News Alert!

Pondering the Policy

By Elene Rodgers

God gave Daniel a prophetic vision of the kingdoms of this world from the time of Babylon all the way to the last kingdom on earth before God sets up His everlasting kingdom “which shall never be destroyed”. (Daniel 2:44) This last kingdom on earth is further described in Daniel 8:25 as having destructive policies, “And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”

An example of a policy that will destroy many people is the CDC's guideline to soften prescription guidelines for physicians “CDC Softens Opioid Prescribing Guidelines For Doctors”.¹ This is despite the fact that America is in is currently in an opioid epidemic.² Even according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), “overdose deaths from opioids increased to 75,673 in the 12-month period ending in April 2021”.³ To put this in perspective, this is more than ALL the people who die annually in America from gun violence and vehicle accidents combined. And this new guideline makes it easier for doctors to prescribe even more opioids.

Most people who get addicted to opioids today initially began their habit by a prescription from their doctor. People took opioids such as oxycodone [Oxycontin or Percocet], hydrocodone [Vicodin], methadone [Dolophine], morphine [Kadian or Avinza], codeine [widely used in cough syrups and pain relievers], and fentanyl [Actiq or Duragesic, or Sublimaze] unaware of the danger because it came initially from their trusted physician-not the drug dealer on the street corner. However, after becoming addicted, they often turn to other illicit drugs in order to continue to get high.

Remember, opioids do not go to the area causing the pain in order to heal it. Opioids work by “tricking” the brain - blocking the brain's ability to receive pain signals. The problem that caused the pain is still there, but the brain does not receive the message. In order to do this opioids block the flow of millions of electrical signals that are sent through the nervous system which has an effect on the entire body.⁴ This explains why opioid use causes other serious conditions such as dementia.⁵

Opioids also suppress the immune system making a person more susceptible to bacterial infections and viruses.⁶

Despite all the health hazards attributable to opioids, doctors are now given a policy that allows them to prescribe more. What do you think will be the result of this new guideline? Of course, more prescriptions means more addictions, more pain and death.

As I pondered this new policy, I remembered that the Bible warned about the use of pharmaceuticals being used to confuse the minds of people in the last days: Revelation 18:23 reveals, “...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries [pharmakeia] were all nations deceived.

You don't have to be deceived or addicted because God has provided ways to deal with pain without the harmful side effects of pharmaceuticals. Pineapple contains bromelain which helps take away pain. Hydrothermal therapy uses heat from water placed directly on the area of the pain which increases the blood flow to that specific area, reducing pain and bringing healing. Even charcoal compresses can be placed on the area that has pain in order to reduce the inflammation and pain. There are many other natural remedies that God has given to be a blessing to humanity. Examine His methods of healing contrasted with pharmaceuticals such as opioids and you will understand it for yourself.

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The Advent Missionary Command Magazine's Mission

There is a world perishing, in need of light. The mission of this magazine is to inspire you to arise and fulfill the commission given us by Jesus to go into all the world teaching and preaching the everlasting gospel. We must be lights for Christ.

The people are to be called to “behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world” and accept His gift of salvation. God's law is to be upheld, the Seventh-day Sabbath is to be clearly presented before the people. Babylon is to be revealed and the people are to be called from it. This is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 that unites with the Fourth Angels' message of Revelation 18.

This message must go to all the world. We hope this magazine encourages you to go forward giving this message, seeking to save the lost!



The Editorial

Wholeheartedly Committed

By Elijah M. Rodgers

The story of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the wall is a remarkable story of determination and commitment. When he heard reports of the condition of the city of Jerusalem and the people, he felt a heavy burden for the people of Jerusalem and the city. He saw his inability and came to God in prayer. He claimed the promise that God promised to the repentant "...though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there." Nehemiah 1:9. He had faith but did not know how God was going to answer his prayer.

At this time he was still working as cup-bearer for the king of the most powerful nation on the earth. As he was fulfilling his duty, the king noticed a sad countenance on his face and asked, "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart" Nehemiah 2:2. Nehemiah did not know what this questioning by the king could lead to. Writing of that experience he said that he "was very sore afraid".

Revealing the cause of his grief he said, "why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?" In response the king asked "For what dost thou make request?" God had given Nehemiah the burden and now he was opening before him a way to fulfill the mission to rebuild the walls and uplift the people of Jerusalem.

As he prepared to answer this he prayed for the wisdom of God to direct his path. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he did not let this opportunity pass. He requested the king to send him to Judah to restore it. They set a time. God was using Nehemiah as an instrument to accomplish the work.

The king did not just send Nehemiah to Jerusalem, he sent him with governmental authority. All the supplies including the timbers needed to build the gate and the walls were provided.

He arrived in Jerusalem. Keeping his intentions hidden for the moment he went out at night to view the destruction and the work that had to be accomplished. The walls were broken down and the gates were burned with fire.

Nehemiah called the attention of the people to the work that had to be done. In response they said "Let us rise up and build". "...The people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 2:17;4:6. In Nehemiah chapter 3, you will read of all the various families that faithfully did their portion of the wall. The willingness of the people to work and the synergy of action was a major factor that advanced the work.

The enemies of the Jews would not let the work continue unopposed. When the enemies of the Jews heard that someone had come for the benefit of the people of Jerusalem, they were angered. They immediately stood in opposition to hinder the work at every step of its progress.

They sought to use every means in their power to stop the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall. They tried to use fear to cause Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem to cease building. Traps were laid out for his destruction. In the midst of this

opposition Nehemiah went to God for help and prayed, "O God, strengthen my hands." Nehemiah 6:9. Among the leaders of the opposition, the most prominent were Sanballat and Tobiah. They conspired together with other enemies of the Jews to "come and to fight against Jerusalem" and hinder the work. Nehemiah 4:7

Speaking to a band of armed men from Samaria, Sanballat mocked the Jews and began preparation to attack those building the wall and force it to cease. This was a very serious crisis for Nehemiah and after seeking council in prayer they set a watch day and night to defend the builders and the city of Jerusalem. They continued to build "every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon." In the face of many obstacles they continued to build and the wall was finished in fifty-two days. Even their enemies saw that the "work was wrought of our God." Nehemiah 6:16.

This story has many lessons for us today and gives encouragement as we advance the mission God has committed to His church.

Our world is in dire need. All around us there are wars, violence, disease, and natural disasters. All around people are longing for the love and compassion of Christ exemplified by His church. We as followers of Jesus Christ must answer the call to duty and show His love and compassion to this dying world.

We are given an authoritative order to accomplish this mission by using the methods that Christ used during His ministry on earth. He came close with the people and sympathized with their needs and relieved them. The Life and Light of the world brought to all who

accepted His company peace and joy. Throughout His ministry He ministered to the people, taught them truth that brought life to the soul, preaching “the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,” and healing the diseases of the multitude. Luke 3:3.

Understanding the example that Christ has laid out for us in our work of uplifting humanity we must come close to the people, sympathize with them, relieve their needs, heal their diseases, and point the sin-burdened to the Savior.

That work includes establishing medical institutions, educational institutions, and industries. Our medical institutions offer the health, healing, and compassion of Christ. They make a powerful impact on the community by showing people how to live healthfully, preventing disease and working with Christ to heal disease and handle emergency cases.

The industries and businesses bless the communities in which they reside while also offering beneficial work opportunities. Each industry has a unique impact on society.

Our educational institutions include colleges, but very importantly it also includes primary and secondary institutions. This is the foundation of society. These schools give the communities in which they reside a solid educational foundation teaching the principles of service, mercy, truth, and justice.

This is how the church will make a positive change in society. This is a very comprehensive mission with the fundamental purpose of elevating humanity physically, mentally, and spirituality. If our institutions are not elevating moral standards, we need to reevaluate and implement reformed methods so we can be that light on a hill again.

For the good of humanity, a reformation must take place. The world’s educational method is failing. The world’s health system is failing. In order to successfully accomplish this mission we must strictly follow the plan God has laid out for us, then and only then will we succeed. We as a people must stand up amidst all of the chaos, violence, immorality, and

show the world that there is something better. “God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall encircle the globe. In all parts of the earth they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work.” Medical Ministry p. 330.5

The task that God has given us is a grand mission. There are challenges that must be surmounted. There are things that must be dealt with. It will not always be easy. To human eyes it is an impossibility, but when God is involved in every aspect of any enterprise, there is no limit.

The Lord told Joshua, “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” To Jeremiah He said, “Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee...” God tells his people, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” Joshua 1:9; Jeremiah 1:8; Isaiah 41:10. These words are words of encouragement for us today.

The accomplishment of the mission requires the labors of individuals that are wholeheartedly committed to the mission just like Nehemiah, Joshua, Jeremiah, and many others in the Bible. Individuals that follow the path of duty no matter what the outward appearance or obstacles that seem to block the progress of the mission. The work is in need of individuals that have courage to take initiative and advance the mission. As challenges come in your way, look for guidance from God and move forward. “Talk faith, work in faith, and advance in faith. Obstacles will

be removed as we lay hold of the promises of God. Let the Lord's people go forward, and their hearts will be made strong.” Medical Ministry p. 335.1

God could have used angels to do the work of relieving suffering humanity but He has committed the work to human beings who are in the same condition as their fellow men. These deny self and live out a life of service to others. Service is a teaching tool that God uses to transform selfish human nature into a life of selfless loyalty to God and service to humanity.

I will share a very powerful quote by Ellen White from the book Medical Ministry. “When our churches will fulfill the duty resting upon them, they will be living, working agencies for the Master. The manifestation of Christian love will fill the soul with a deeper, more earnest fervor to work for Him who gave His life to save the world. By being good and doing good Christ's followers expel selfishness from the soul. To them the most costly sacrifice seems too cheap to give. They see a large vineyard to be worked, and they realize that they must be prepared by divine grace to labor patiently, earnestly, in season and out of season, in a sphere which knows no boundaries. They obtain victory after victory, increasing in experience and efficiency, extending on all sides their earnest efforts to win souls for Christ. They use to the best advantage their increasing experience; their hearts are melted by the love of Christ.” - Medical Missionary, page 317

Jesus is looking for people that will allow Him to transform their lives to His divine image, to be a living example of His life, and answer the call. Take a stand and be God’s helping hand. Advance in faith for the “The LORD of hosts is with us”. Psalms 46:7.



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The Missionary Work

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

By Ellen G. White

The special gifts of the Spirit are not the only talents represented in the parable. It includes all gifts and endowments, whether original or acquired, natural or spiritual. All are to be employed in Christ's service. In becoming His disciples, we surrender ourselves to Him with all that we are and have. These gifts He returns to us purified and ennobled, to be used for His glory in blessing our fellow men.

To every man God has given "according to his several ability." The talents are not apportioned capriciously. He who has ability to use five talents receives five. He who can improve but two, receives two. He who can wisely use only one, receives one. None need lament that they have not received larger gifts; for He who has apportioned to every man is equally honored by the improvement of each trust, whether it be great or small. The one to whom five talents have been committed is to render the improvement of five; he who has but one, the improvement of one. God expects returns "according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." 2 Corinthians 8:12.

In the parable he that had "received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents; and likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two."

The talents, however few, are to be put to use. The question that most concerns us is not, How much have I received? but, What am I doing with that which I have? The development of all our powers is the first duty we owe to God and to our fellow men. No one who is not growing daily in capability and usefulness is fulfilling the purpose of life. In making a profession

of faith in Christ we pledge ourselves to become all that it is possible for us to be as workers for the Master, and we should cultivate every faculty to the highest degree of perfection, that we may do the greatest amount of good of which we are capable.

The Lord has a great work to be done, and He will bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life. The Lord chooses His own agents, and each day under different circumstances He gives them a trial in His plan of operation. In each true-hearted endeavor to work out His plan, He chooses His agents not because they are perfect but because, through a connection with Him, they may gain perfection.

God will accept only those who are determined to aim high. He places every human agent under obligation to do his best. Moral perfection is required of all. Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate inherited or cultivated tendencies to wrong-doing. We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin. All righteous attributes of character dwell in God as a perfect, harmonious whole, and every one who receives Christ as a personal Saviour is privileged to possess these attributes.

And those who would be workers together with God must strive for perfection of every organ of the body and quality of the mind. True education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education that will endure unto eternal life.

Of every Christian the Lord requires growth in efficiency and capability in every line. Christ has paid us our wages, even His own blood and suffering, to secure our willing service. He came to our world to give us an example of how we should work, and what spirit we should bring into our labor. He desires us to study how we can best advance His work and glorify His name in the world, crowning with honor, with the greatest love and devotion, the Father who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.

Let no one say, I cannot remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you can not overcome. The real difficulty arises from the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God.

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Ellen White (1827- 1915) was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Filled with the gift of prophecy, she wrote over 100,000 pages of warning, instruction, encouragement, and hope for the church. Her writings continue to inspire the church today.

AAGE Network

Adventist Association for Global Evangelism

“Shining Light, Into All the World”

The Mission of the AAGE

The fundamental mission of the Adventist Association for Global Evangelism is to carry the Seventh-day Adventist message to the world, and to work for the revival of the true medical and educational work in all its fullness.

The AAGE is an association of the Seventh-day Adventist movement as a whole. Jesus Christ draws us together. Proclaiming the Seventh-day Adventist message to the world is the mission that unites us.

United by the pure bond of the Holy Spirit we will work together heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder to proclaim the everlasting gospel to the world!

The AAGE Network is wholeheartedly committed to fulfilling the mission that God has committed to His remnant church. If that is your mission too, we highly encourage you to join the AAGE Network!

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The Missionary Update



A Lot Happening

Over the past few months and weeks a lot has been happening. We completed the mMAP discussions in October. They were truly a blessing. We are continuing the discussion with our Informative Discussions held on the third Sunday of the month. The focus of these meetings is to practically advance the mission by formulating new plans and learning new methods.

We have expanded to include a sawmill operation currently called Abundant Living Farm Sawmill (ALF Sawmill). We have been doing a lot to increase our production capabilities and we can truly say that it has been a blessing to be in the lumber industry. We have met many wonderful people and have learned a lot of new things.

We have also planted the strawberries for the 2023 season. The beginning of the planting season looked like we would not be getting strawberry plants to plant. When we were at one of the markets we sold our strawberries last year you could hear people referring to our strawberries. It started to make us feel disappointed for them. Long story short, from it totally looking like we were not going to have strawberries next year the Lord blessed us to plant over 4,000 strawberry plants! That was way more than we planted last year.

We are working on some very important projects that you will hear more about soon. For the moment we will encourage you to spread the word about the Blueprint College project and continue to support this work through your prayers and consider taking part in it.

We will again give the appeal to individuals who the Lord has blessed with knowledge and skills to use their knowledge in the Lord's vineyard. There are so many skills that can be used and are very much needed from working in industries to educational institutions and medical missionary work. Take an active part in the work. When the Lord opens doors for you never turn it down. If you are interested, email info@BCMEonline.org or call 704-465-8500.

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Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little. Thousands pass through life as if they had no definite object for which to live, no standard to reach. Such will obtain a reward proportionate to their works.

Remember that you will never reach a higher standard than you yourself set. Then set your mark high, and step by step, even though it be by painful effort, by self-denial and sacrifice, ascend the whole length of the ladder of progress. Let nothing hinder you. Fate has not woven its meshes about any human being so firmly that he need remain helpless and in uncertainty. Opposing circumstances should create a firm determination to overcome them. The breaking down of one barrier will give greater ability and courage

to go forward. Press with determination in the right direction, and circumstances will be your helpers, not your hindrances. Be ambitious, for the Master's glory, to cultivate every grace of character. In every phase of your character building you are to please God. This you may do; for Enoch pleased Him though living in a degenerate age. And there are Enochs in this our day.

Stand like Daniel, that faithful statesman, a man whom no temptation could corrupt. Do not disappoint Him who so loved you that He gave His own life to cancel your sins. He says, "Without Me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. Remember this. If you have made mistakes, you certainly gain a victory if you see these mistakes and regard them as beacons of warning. Thus you turn defeat into victory, disappointing the enemy and honoring your Redeemer.

A character formed according to the divine

likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under the instruction of Christ in this world will take every divine attainment with them to the heavenly mansions. And in heaven we are continually to improve. How important, then, is the development of character in this life.

The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character which will reach out to perfection in action. To everyone engaged in this work Christ says, I am at your right hand to help you.

As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.

- Christ Object Lessons, page 328 - 333



Biblical Thought of the Month

Face to Face

By Elene Rodgers

One of the most anguishing expressions often heard at funerals is that a person will never see their loved ones again. This thought causes intense pain. But the reality is that God has made provision for those who are His faithful servants to see their loved ones again face to face. It will be literally touching, embracing, and communing with those who have died and are resurrected again. This is explained in the Bible. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 gives this assurance, “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” Job noted I know that my redeemer liveth yet in my flesh shall I see God. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 confirms this, “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but

we shall all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” For believers, death is compared to sleep and when Jesus comes again the dead will rise again and join with those who are still living as they journey to heaven together. They will all have immortality meaning that they will have a life that will never end and they will see each other face to face. A Bible story that illustrates how literally and physically this event will be is the story of Jacob and Joseph.

I. Jacob believed Joseph was dead.

Genesis 37:31-36 “And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; (32) And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. (33) And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. (34) And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. (35) And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said,

For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. (36) And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.”

II. The timeline of events after Jacob thought Joseph was dead

A. Joseph was sold into slavery when he was 17 years old.

Genesis 37:1,2 “And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. (2) These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.”

B. Joseph was made ruler by Pharaoh when he was 30 years old.

Genesis 41:46,47 “And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. (47) And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.”

C. After seven plenteous years, Joseph was 37 years old.

D. After the first two years of the famine, Joseph was 39 years old.

Genesis 45:3-6 “And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. (4) And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am

Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. (5) Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. (6) For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.” Since Joseph was 17 when he was sold into slavery and was 39 when he revealed to his brothers his true identity, 22 years had passed since Jacob was separated from his son believing he was dead.

III. Jacob was told that Joseph was alive. Genesis 45:25-28 “And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, (26) And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. (27) And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: (28) And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.”

Genesis 46:1-4 “And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. (2) And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. (3) And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: (4) I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.”

IV. Jacob was reunited with Joseph. Genesis 46:29,30 “And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. (30) And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.”

Because Jacob had seen Joseph face to

face, he knew that all the promises of God are true and would be fulfilled. He was so confident in the promises of God that he was not afraid of death himself.

On Resurrection Day, we will not only see our loved ones again that we have been separated from by death but we will also see Jesus, our Creator and Savior, face to face. Revelation 22:4 promises, “And they shall see his [Jesus] face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.”

There are many glories awaiting the righteous. Revelation 21:4,5 declares, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for

the former things are passed away. (5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”

God will fulfill His promises. He offers to everyone this gift that cannot be bought with silver or gold. We must have a faith that is shown by our obedience to His commandments in order to receive the blessing He has prepared for us. “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Natural Cold Remedy (Health Special)

- juice of 2 lemons (freshly squeezed)
- 1 onion (peeled)
- 1 whole bulb of garlic (all of the cloves peeled)
- ¼ cup raw honey

Blend all of the ingredients together. Take 1-2 Tablespoons of it every hour or two. This keeps fresh in the refrigerator about 2 days.



Natural Cold Remedy



Elene is a loving wife and mother who teaches her children to love and serve God. She loves teaching the truth of God's word and sharing stories from the Bible that encourages faith and hope. She is the co-founder, with her husband, Cary Rodgers, of Pathway To Peace Ministries.

We have been bought with the price of the blood of Christ. We must learn to treat our body as the holy temple of God. If you are wondering how to cook foods that glorify God, here is a new recipe!

Healthy Living Recipe | Sweet Potato Pie

Sweet Potato Pie Filling

3 cup baked sweet potatoes (peeled and mashed) Wash then bake sweet potatoes in oven for 45 minutes then allow sweet potatoes to cool before peeling them.

½ tsp. salt

¾ cup maple syrup

⅔ cup unsweetened soy milk

¼ cup coconut milk

¼ cup coconut oil (melted)

½ Tbsp. molasses

Whip all of the ingredients until smooth.

Sweet Potato Pie Crust

½ cup almonds (milled*) can leave some chopped

½ cup pecans (milled*)

¼ cup coconut oil (melted)

⅓ cup of maple syrup

½ tsp. salt

½ cup whole wheat flour

**in food processor or blender*

Mix all of the ingredients together. Lightly grease a round glass pie baking pan with a little coconut oil. Evenly spread pie crust and press the crust firmly to the baking pan. Fill the pie crust with the Sweet Potato Pie Filling. Bake the pie at 275 degrees for 50 minutes. Best if made a day in advance stored in the refrigerator. Enjoy!





Healthful Living

Benefits of Sweet Potatoes

By Carlene Rodgers

Sweet potatoes are more than delicious, they are nutritious too. “Ipomoea batatas (L.) Lam, also known as sweet potato, is an extremely versatile and delicious vegetable that possesses high nutritional value. It is also a valuable medicinal plant having anti-cancer, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory activities.” - Sweet potato (Ipomoea batatas [L.] Lam)--a valuable medicinal food: a review | PudMed.gov

The orange fleshed sweet potatoes are notable for their high content of beta carotene. “Orange sweet potatoes are vitamin and mineral powerhouses. A medium one has 165 percent of the vitamin A you need per day from the beta carotene it contains. Vitamin A is a key infection-fighting nutrient. You’ll also get more than 20 percent of your daily need for potassium—a blood-pressure-lowering nutrient most adults fall short on. They’re also rich in niacin and vitamin C. Yellow-fleshed varieties supply vitamins A and C and potassium, too. Purple, white, and orange sweet potatoes contain antioxidant compounds called flavonoids that can help control inflammation.” - Are Sweet Potatoes

Good For You? | Consumers Report

“In lab studies, most of these sweet potato glycosides have been shown to have antibacterial and antifungal properties.” - Sweet Potatoes | whfoods.org

The purple fleshed sweet potatoes are high in antioxidants. “In one study, the antioxidant activity in purple sweet potatoes was 3.2 times higher than that of a type of blueberry!” - Sweet Potatoes | whfoods.org “Purple sweet potatoes are a main food in the traditional diet of Okinawa, a region known for its high concentration of centenarians. More than half of the daily caloric intake of Okinawan diets comes from sweet potatoes.” - Consumers Report | Are Sweet Potatoes Good For You

Studies show how sweet potatoes are good for the cardiovascular system. “Moreover, Zhao et al. showed that flavones from an SP [sweet potato] leaf powder decreased total cholesterol and triglyceride levels in a dose-

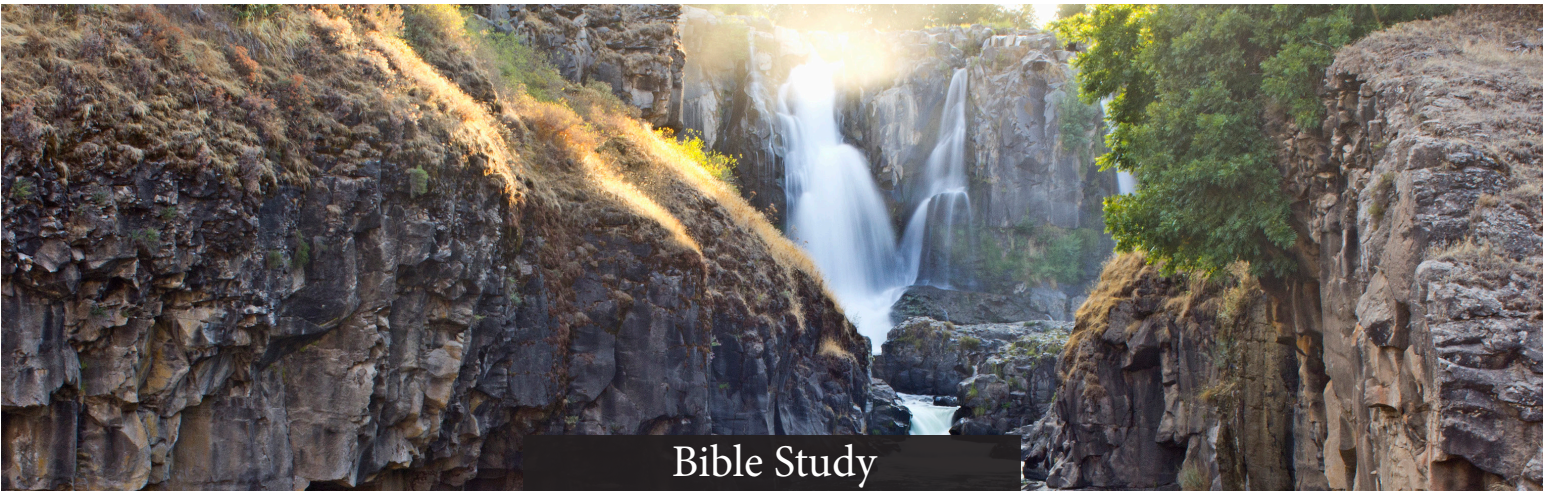
dependent manner while its insoluble dietary fiber increased fecal bile acids and cholesterol, reducing serum cholesterol levels . In support of this, a randomized controlled clinical study carried out on 58 humans showed a decrease in circulating cholesterol (7 mg/dL) and triglycerides (2 mg/dL) after the consumption of 132 g of white SP [sweet potato] as a meal replacement.” - Scholarly Community Encyclopedia | Health Effects of Sweet Potato (Ipomoea batatas L.)

You can even eat the sweet potato leaves. They are loaded with antioxidant benefits. “Consuming SP [sweet potato] leaves reduces the risk for CVD [cardiovascular disease] by synergistically reducing lipid peroxidation and DNA damage, and regulating blood glucose, insulin, and lipid levels.” - Scholarly Community Encyclopedia | Health Effects of Sweet Potato (Ipomoea batatas L.)

So enjoy the benefits of nutritious and delicious sweet potatoes.



Carlene Rodgers participates with her parents in ministry at Pathway to Peace Ministries. She designed many of the pamphlets and book covers for the ministry. She enjoys playing the piano and harp. She also enjoys showing people how to cook plant-based food during the cooking classes held at Pathway to Peace every month.



Bible Study

Your Purpose

By Cary Rodgers

Have you ever asked yourself, “Why am I here?” “What is my purpose in life?” If you do not know your true purpose in life or the reason why you were born, you are not alone; most people have no idea what their true purpose is. “Purpose is a determination or a feeling of having a reason for what you do,” according to Cambridge Dictionary. Many people live aimless lives where life is just a little more than mere existence with no reason for what they do. If you ask someone, “what is your purpose?” some may say, “I don't know” or they will begin to talk to you about their career or the job they would like to do. But your employment is not your purpose for living. Do you want to understand your purpose? When you know and understand your true purpose in life, it will influence every decision that you make in life. In other words, your purpose drives your decisions and your decisions determine your destiny. It will be the center and focus of everything you say, think, and do. It will give spiritual vitality and joy in your life. It will give you mission and drive daily. It will give you zeal for God's truth and the enthusiasm to share it with others.

The Bible reveals your true purpose

in life. What is the purpose of God's entire creation? Psalm 19:1 – 3 says, “1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” The word “declare” in the original Hebrew means to “score with a mark as a tally or record that is, (by implication) to inscribe, and also to enumerate; intensively to recount, that is, celebrate” – Strong Hebrew Dictionary. So when we look at the sun, moon, and stars we are able to enumerate and intensely recount God's wonderful creation and glory. It speaks to our minds of His power, might, and majesty! In addition to this, Psalms 97:6 says, “The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.” Praise the Lord!

Glory is a word that should only apply to God, it is holy. Glory, *kâbôd*, in the Hebrew speaks of His abundance, honor, dignity, reverence and reputation.

When the Philistines defeated the Israelites, who had turned away from their obedience to God, they took the ark of the covenant and it was said that God's glory, *kâbôd*, was departed from Israel. When the wife of Phineas, son of the High Priest Eli

who was slain in the battle, heard the news of all the calamity, her grief was so strong that she went into labor and on the brink of her death she named her son Ichabod. That is spelled 'iy-kâbôd in the Hebrew which means “no glory”. (Read 1 Samuel 4:12-22)

The glory of God is His character, as revealed when Moses asked God to see His glory. God responded by declaring His glory in Exodus 34:5-7 which says, “And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.”

Think about this, you were made in the image of God to reflect the character of God. This is your purpose in life. Jesus came to this earth to spill His blood to redeem us back from sin. We glorify Him as we allow Him to work in us to transform our lives to be a reflection of Him. This reveals to the world the awesome power and

glory of God. God says in Isaiah 43:7, 10-12, 21 “7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. 12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. 21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.”

Zeal for God’s glory should be the controlling power in the lives of all Christians. “He is not striving for earthly honor or riches; his one purpose is to tell others of the Saviour, who gave Himself to bring to human beings the riches of eternal life. His highest desire is not to lay up treasure in this world, but to bring to the attention of the indifferent and the disloyal the realities of eternity. He may be asked to engage in enterprises which promise large worldly gain, but to such temptations he returns the

answer, ‘What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?’ Mark 8:36.” Acts of the Apostles p. 365.3

The rich young ruler in the Bible is an example of someone who did not understand his purpose. His main goal was to make lots of money in order to acquire a lot of stuff, but even though he was rich, he still felt empty inside. He came to Jesus asking how to obtain eternal life, which is freely offered as a gift that cannot be purchased. But Jesus knew the condition of the young man’s heart who was using his great wealth to glorify himself rather than being a blessing to mankind. In Matthew 19:21, 22 “21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.” Though

he possessed the riches of this world he was living a vain and empty life without purpose. Luke 12:15 declares, “And he [Jesus] said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

The Saviour also said, “...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3. Unless a person receives a new heart, a new purpose, leading to a new life he will not receive the blessing of eternal life.

Activating God’s purpose in your life will give you fulfillment, joy, and peace. When you allow God’s purpose to be manifested in your life it will be the driver in everything you do. It will also give you true zeal to share the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, “31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”



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Reviewing The Past

Emmanuel Missionary College

By Elijah M. Rodgers

The original Adventist college at Battle Creek was in the center of Battle Creek, Mi. There was not much room for industries. This was not the ideal place for a school to be if they wanted to follow the blueprint.

In 1901 the school Battle Creek moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan and was renamed the Emmanuel Missionary College. The original location became the American Medical Missionary College.

The school was housed in the former county courthouse, sheriffs house, an office building, a jail, and a summer hotel. But even during this period, student enrollment reached 100.

They planned that when the schools enrollment would reach 250, they would move the school to a better location.

E. A. Southerland purposed that the school buildings would not be large, but simple buildings similar to the buildings the students would “find in the mission field.” Also the buildings were to be built so that there could be good air flow throughout.

So when that time came, they began to build four buildings. An experienced builder came and taught the students how to build. Students would work in the morning, and take classes in the evening.

To make sure the students were able to comprehend the subjects, Sutherland came up with a unique method of teaching. The students would study only one subject during a term of a 9 month school year in

which there were three terms. This method proved to be effective and was followed by other schools. As time went on, Sutherland changed that to three courses per term.

A spirit of evangelism pervaded the school. It was a unity of purpose among the faculty and the students to fulfill the vision that made the school so successful.

“Our brethren left Battle Creek, and established Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs. They secured a beautiful tract of land in the country, and began small. There they have labored untiringly for the upbuilding of an educational institution that would be an honor to God and his cause. They have striven to get things in order, so that they could receive and properly care for the students who came.

Faithfully have they endeavored to train the youth to be laborers together with God, and to depend upon Him for wisdom and guidance. Through their efforts, many young men and young women have been imbued with a love for souls, and have been prepared to give to the world the message of warning that is to be proclaimed before Christ's second advent.” - Spalding and Magan Collection p. 326.3

“In harmony with the instructions given by the Lord, our brethren have devoted themselves to the task of beginning anew, and of introducing into their model school only those books and methods of teaching that they thought would help the students to form symmetrical characters and to become useful workers in the cause.

They desired that their school should be approved by God for the excellence of its

work and for the exalted standard that it maintained. Their effort was at first largely experimental—an attempt to answer the question, ‘How shall our training schools for Christian workers be established and carried on?’” - Spalding and Magan Collection p. 325.2

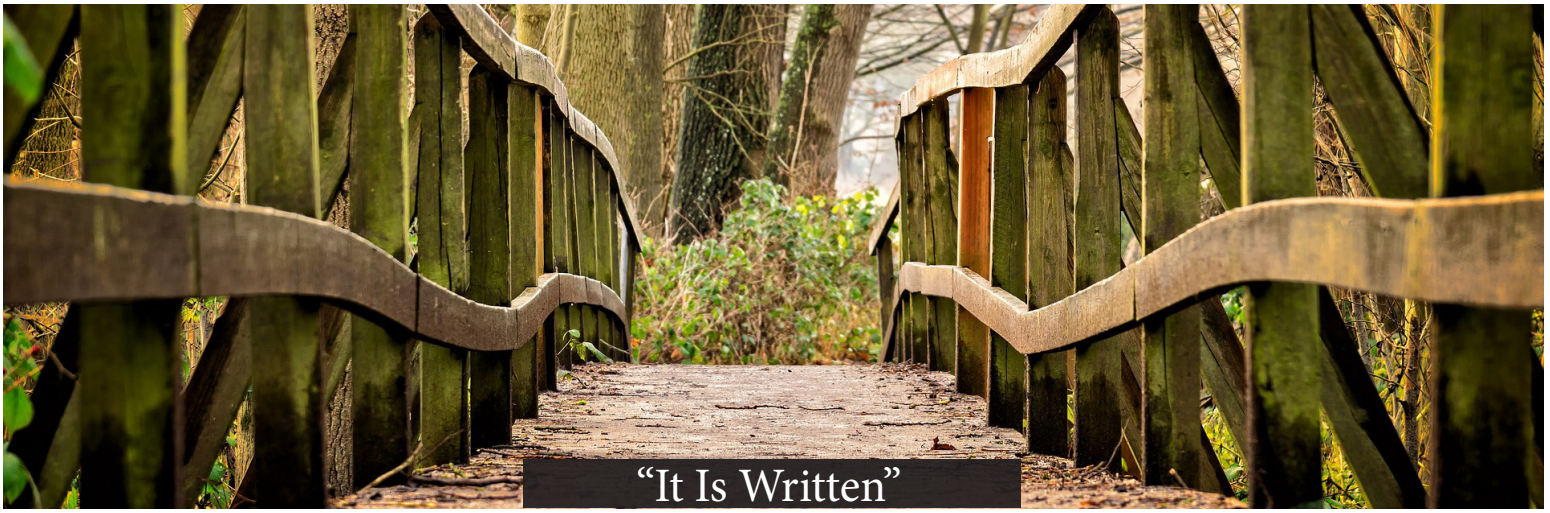
“In this pioneer effort our brethren advanced not inch by inch, but in sweeping strides, in the right direction. Some tried to discourage them; others criticized and condemned; but God blessed their efforts.” - Spalding and Magan Collection p. 325.4

In 1902 the General Conference developed an education department and appointed Sutherland, along with two other men, head of the Department.

Also Sutherland, with the help of a lady named Bessie DeGraw, started to write educational textbooks. These books were practical, and worthwhile. The Bible was the foundation of the text books. Instead of using quotations from worldly philosophers, they used the Bible. “Every subject will be presented from the standpoint of the Bible’ and with a ‘view to preparing the student for actual [missionary] field work in the shortest time,’ promised the Calendar.”—E.K. Vande Vere, *The Wisdom Seekers*, p. 110.

During the period of 1900 to 1904, they produced many books which proved to be a great blessing to our educational work.

A great work was being done by Sutherland and his friend Magan and the others with them that supported the work of the institution. They had labored untiringly to start the school that would be an honor to God and the mission.



“It Is Written”

Walking by Faith

By Nehemiah Rodgers

When the children of Israel went through the Red Sea they had to have faith: “And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.” (Exodus 14:15,21,22)

They even needed faith to go through the Jordan Sea! “And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living

God is among you...13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.” (Joshua 3:10, 13, 17)

children of Israel did to “Go Forward” doing His work. As you walk by faith and see God open the way, your faith in the living God is increased.

Whether you have faith or not is revealed by what you do. If you do not have faith, you will not go forward.

You need to have faith that God will lead you in the work and will not forsake you. Psalms 37:25 says, “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”

God wants us to have faith as the So, let us walk by faith in God.



Nehemiah Rodgers is a young evangelist for Christ. He enjoys the outdoors and loves to play instruments such as the organ and trumpet. Like Nehemiah in the Bible his desire is to be a “repairer of the breach” by helping others learn more about the Word.

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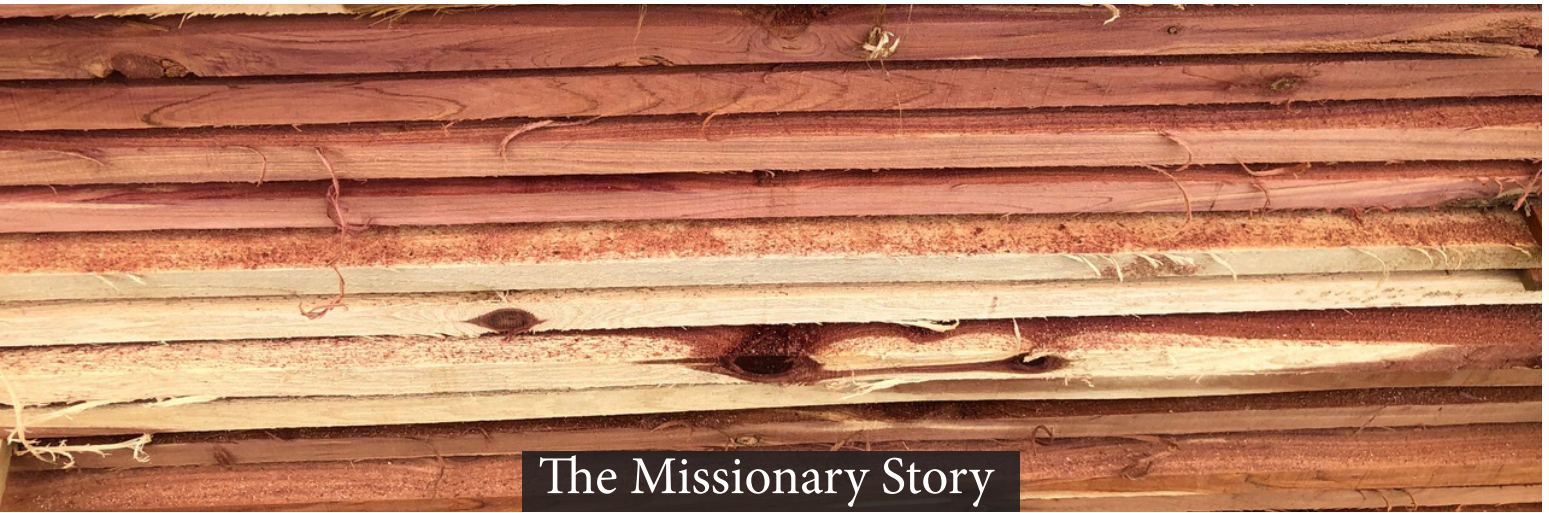
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The Missionary Story

Many Stories

We have enjoyed going over the Medical Ministry book, a compilation of Ellen White's writings on the purpose of the medical missionary work and counsels on how to accomplish God's plan in doing it. These weekly meetings were entitled mMap which is an acronym for medical Ministry action plan. Maps are used for directions on which way to go. God has clearly outlined the path for His people to take in doing the medical missionary work.

Interestingly, during the past few months, while we were in the mMap discussions, we began to expand our sawmill operation where we will be able to cut more lumber. Industries are a part of the blueprint God has given. Medical Ministry page 323 paragraph 2 says, "In every place where schools are established we are to study what industries can be started that will give the students employment. Small sanitariums [health treatment centers] should be established in connection with our larger schools, that the students may have opportunity to gain a knowledge of medical missionary work. This line of work is to be brought into our schools as part of the regular instruction."--Letter 25, 1902. I think it is amazing that when our educational institutions were following this plan they had a sawmill industry among many other industries. Some people think it different when they come here and find it to be a ministry because they do not think of ministries having industries.

We have met various people while working in the sawmill industry and we give them our AMC magazine and Bible brochures. One pastor who came to our sawmill to buy wood was interested in Bible history and was studying with a Jewish teacher. We told him of The Evidence Book that we put together that is a Bible history book that charts the age of the earth. He was very interested in the book and purchased it. He spoke with us a long time of testimonies how God protected him many times. Also, he told a story of a church he was going to that dismantled after the church began to call out Satan and he knew that God's people were not to invite or have communication with the devil. The man told us that God is calling his people out of these fallen churches. When I heard him say that I was amazed because we read in Revelation of God calling His people out of Babylon which is fallen (Revelation 14:8). Also he mentioned about the mark of the beast so I gave him *The Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of the Beast Crisis* book before he left.

Another person we met as a result of the sawmill industry came to deliver cedar logs we purchased, Interestingly, she remembered getting *The Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of the Beast Crisis* book from us at a local store which she was the manager of at that time. Someone was trying to get her not to read the book but she told the person that the book was a study from

the Bible just saying what the Bible says. We distributed many copies of the book years ago and it was great to hear how the Lord was still using it to be a blessing.

Another story of how work done years ago was still not forgotten, occurred during the grape season as we went to u-pick muscadine grapes. While there, my mother was speaking with the owner and told her of Pathway to Peace Ministries. She said that she thought she heard of that name before. My mother told her that we had radio programs aired there years ago and she remembered that they were aired Sunday afternoons. We were amazed how she remembered the Radio Bible class and how the things you do for Christ have an impact even after the work has been done.

The grapes were very delightful. The vines were loaded with large purple, sweet and juicy grapes and as I stood under the vines I remembered the Bible text that says, "In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree." Zechariah 3:10. Under the vine is a very beautiful place. I so much enjoyed it that I wanted to go there again to pick grapes and went there on my birthday with my aunt joining us that day. The owner asked us to include her in our mailing list to receive the AMC magazines, so if you are reading this, thanks again for the grapes!

- Carlene Rodgers

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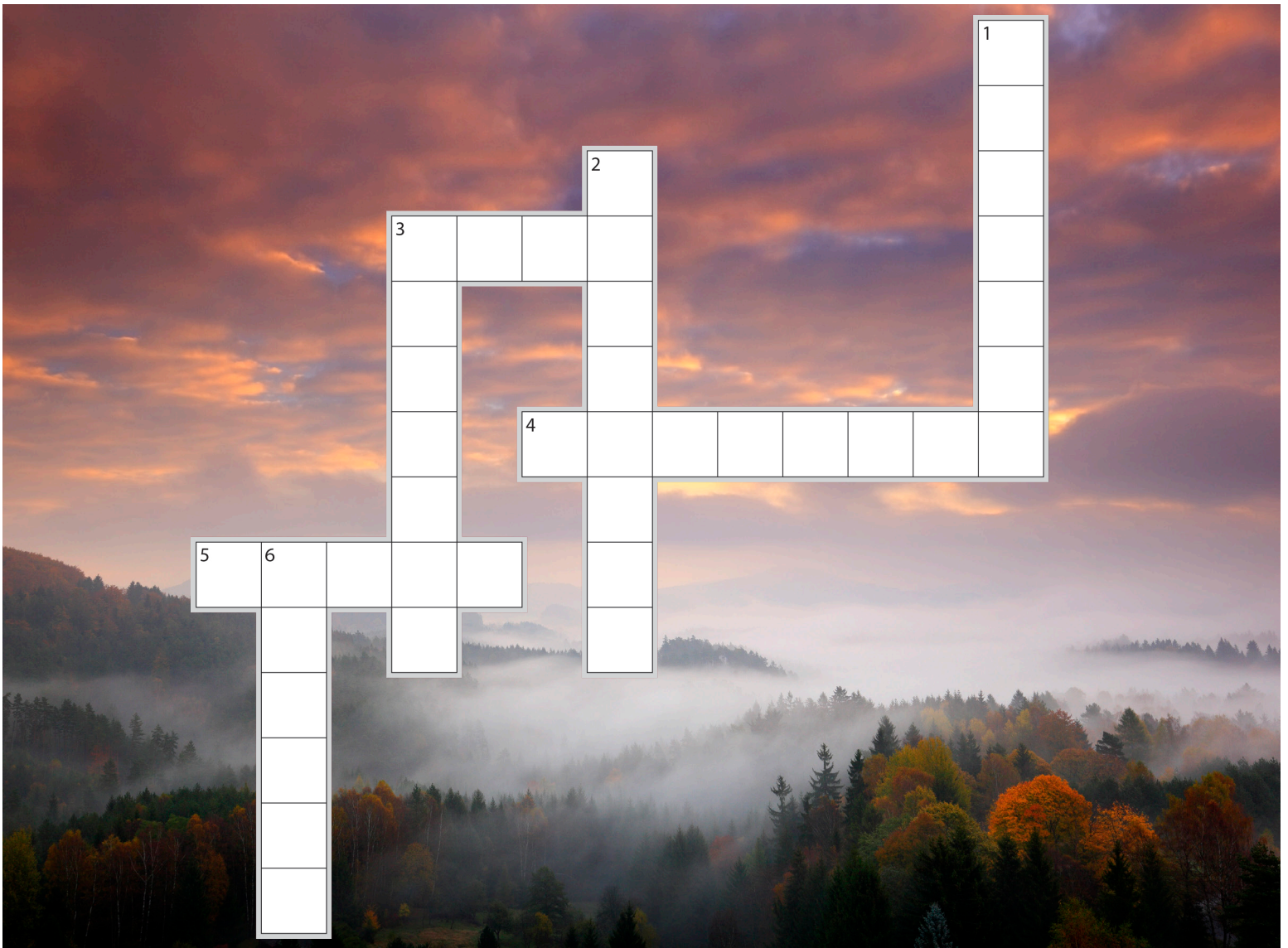
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Across

3. Revelation 22:4 "And they shall see his _____; and his name shall be in their foreheads."
4. Nehemiah 6:15 "So the wall was _____ in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days."
5. Isaiah 43:7 "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my _____, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

Down


1. 1 Samuel 4:21 "And she named the child _____, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband."
2. Revelation 18:23 "...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations _____."
3. Exodus 14:15 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go _____:"
6. 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your _____ is not in vain in the Lord."

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Matthew 1:21-23 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Jesus came to save us from our sins and give us the gift of salvation. Sin brought pain, suffering, and death upon the world. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. (Read Romans 5:12)

According to 1 John 3:4, "Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." (God's Law is found in Exodus 20:3-17) Because we sinned we were doomed to eternal death. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is

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First, where are the Ten Commandments found in the Bible? They are found in Exodus 20:3-17. The first four show us how to love God: (1) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (2) "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." (3) "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;

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The Sabbath of the Lord


The Bible teaches that we are to keep God's moral law, the Ten Commandments. Jesus Himself says in Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." In addition, Romans 3:31 says, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Love is the foundation of God's law. Romans 13:10 says, "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt not bear false witness; Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Did you know that within the Law of Love God has given you a special day off from work each week to rest, rejuvenate, and commemorate God as your Creator and Savior?

Yes, He is true. It is the fourth commandment found in Exodus 20:8-11. "Remember the sabbath day, no keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore

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The Bible has the answer.



Did you know that the Bible gives us a detailed account of years beginning with Creation? With this information we can calculate the real age of the earth.

Obviously, God wants us to know where we are in time! God declares in Isaiah 46:9-10, "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

See for yourself what the Bible reveals...

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