

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1977

Port Orchard, Washington

My Numbered Days – Jan. '77

My ministry: Teaching-evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76)

+ GOAL: To preach the word, to labor for revival, and to train others in the way of holiness.

+Prayerful Steps:

1. Jan. 10 - Feb.6 – Finish study, ministry, and fellowship in Washington.
2. Feb. 6 – Mar. 4 – YWAM Leadership Training School in Hawaii.
 - a. March 4-8 – Honolulu with friends
3. Home? March 8-20 (?)
4. Re-join YWAM – Move to California - March 20 – April 1)

Jan. 5, 1977

“Now the Lord said to Abram. ‘Go forth from your own country and from your relatives and from your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, and so you shall be a blessing” (Gen. 12:1,2).

God has called Shirley and I to “go forth” from here to the Leadership Training School in Hawaii and then to our work. I pray that He will make us a blessing and I pray that this Scripture will be fulfilled in that He uses us to revive America to make her once again “great” in His sight.”

Jan. 8, 1977

The Lord impressed deeply on my mind this morning through the reading of Is. 20 and Gen. 22 my need to be willing to do anything God would ask me in my lifetime. This applies to our immediate guidance as well as the future.

Jan. 10, 1977

“And Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife...” (Gen.25:21).

+ I will do the same on behalf of mine and ask that God will “refresh, strengthen, confirm and establish her” (1 Peter 5:10).

Jan. 18, 1977

That prayer above for Shirley has wonderfully been answered and **in recent days, after times of prayer, God has confirmed to Shirley and I our plans to go to California.** Especially after one morning of waiting on God, we felt very definitely that we were to go after the LTS near the end of March.

Now we will await the provision and God’s final instructions and guidelines.

Jan. 22, 1977

Have had some good times of intercession this week in different areas. Notably, as I’ve been praying for the release of our apostolic team, **God has been giving me some specific people to ask.** I sure want His mind as I seek Him on these details, and I thank Him for being so kind to me.

Last evening Shirley and I and David Saavedra has a lovely evening of fellowship and prayer with Marcy Vincent and Sheryl Sund in Seattle. It was a precious time of communion, prayer, song, and good food.

After they all prayed over me, the Holy Spirit spoke out words of encouragement to rely on Him, know that I cannot depend on my own abilities, and to know His sufficiency. I want to take all these things to heart and be the humble servant my Master desires.

***Shirley and I still have a financial need of nearly \$1200 if we are to go to Hawaii. We await your miracle.**

Jan. 24, 1977

I prayed today about the possibility of going to Michigan following the LTS for some meetings there in the Grand Rapids area, and I believe the Lord is saying, “Go.” I will continue to pray about leaving Mach 10 and being gone for twelve days. God will confirm His leadings.

Jan. 29, 1977

How striking it is that God allows us to go through times of testing occasionally! This has been my story for the past few days. God has been doing a kind of dredging process in my own conscience that has been somewhat heavy. With marriage adjustments still being learned, these are certainly days to be like a weaned child on the Master’s breast.

+ The area of conscience I am vowing to change is the making of casual promises to see certain people and then letting them slide. Much restitution is forthcoming on this.

The other area of desired change is for a real deepening in my prayer life, and the awareness of my need in this area has caused my devotional times of late to be very unfeeling and challenging.

*God will bring me through! Shirley and I are still trusting Him for our provision for Hawaii.

Kailua-kona, Hawaii

Feb. 8, 1977

After some days of real testing, the Lord was faithful to pick us up and bring us here to the Leadership Training School in Kona, Hawaii.

[This school was YWAM's first LTS, held at the Crown Building in the industrial area of Kona. We did not purchase the Princess Hotel until 1980—our current Kona campus. Shirley and I stayed at a motel right on Ali'i Drive and walked to the Crown Building each day.]

Following my message at Harper Church on Sunday, God bountifully released \$900 to Shirley and me for the tremendous proof of His reality in our lives—and we humbly give thanks.

Now we are here in Kailua-kona and the LTS has begun. There is a good group of about 70 people who are here for the same purpose we are: to be trained in the ways of Christian service. Joy Dawson ministered the first evening we were here and then Loren (Cunningham) this morning. It is going to be a moving time.

God really spoke to me last night on the vital necessity of spending more time with Him alone. I need a minimum of 2 and a half hours (a tithe of 24 hours) if I am going to be anything for Jesus. I have set my heart to do something about it—beginning today.

This needs to be a principle in my life that needs to be imparted to others as well, and I intend to incorporate it into our team.

“Evening, morning and noon I will cry and pray aloud. He will hear my voice.”

Feb. 9, 1977

What a gracious outpouring of revelation God gave me today as I sat under the ministry of Joy Dawson. That has been a humbling experience in which God has looked in my heart and done some needed surgeries.

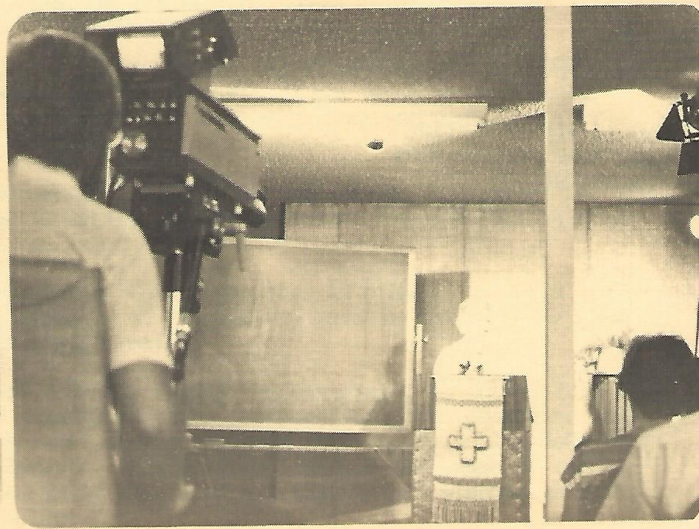
LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL



On February 7, 1977, pastors, laymen, professionals and students arrived here in Kailua-Kona for the Second Annual Leadership Training School to be held by Y.W.A.M. It was an exciting time for the L.T.S. students and Y.W.A.M. staff and personnel alike to be able to sit under the ministries of men and women of God who had much in-depth truth to share in the area of leadership. Dr. Earl Alexander, Col. E.H. Ammerman, Loren Cunningham, Joy Dawson, Dr. Donald Hoke, Campbell McAlpine, Dr. Raymond Vath and others shared on different aspects of leadership that God had shown them in their own lives.

It was beautiful to see God bring together the 80+ students as He revealed Himself to them through the various ministries. Real releases in praise and worship brought about a sense of unity and commitment in the school - relationships were developed and deep needs met.

Today the Holy Spirit continues to move through the ranks of His people looking for those who will pay the price of becoming leaders. Men and women who are ready to commit themselves to God and His people in order that we might fulfill the great commission.



This evening as Joy spoke on priorities in leadership, God really quickened to my heart the following points.

1. I have not been spending enough time alone with God, ministering to Him.
2. During what times I have had with Him, I have often let people, phone calls, and other interruptions take priority over my time in His Presence.
3. Over the past few months, my heart has lost its tenderness and become somewhat fallow.
4. I have not been praying that Shirley be released to the maximum in her ministry.

After a time on the beach and a good look at these, I have repented before my Savior and now commit to move forward. It is a humbling yet characteristic thing of God to use a New Zealand housewife to reveal these things to me!

Upon the repentance of my heart in these areas, God then showed me WHY the past couple of months have been fairly “dry” spiritually, and that was for the purpose of showing me my need for the Lord, bringing me “down” so that He could lift me up.

***God also showed me why He had led me into the area of politics and government recently as He has called me to be a prophet to the nation, and to be this, I must understand the basis and depth of our national sins.**

Feb. 18, 1977

Our time of training here in Kona continues to be rich and mind-expanding. I have been especially blessed this week through the ministry of Dr. Donald Hoke, the director of the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois who has been speaking on leadership principles—especially from the book of Nehemiah. Much insight has come to apply these things on the team we are about to begin.

God has also led Shirley and I to give money to others—and now we are down to pocket change. What a wonderful opportunity for God to be our Provider! These are tremendous lessons...

*Lord, I want your maximum from this time. Continue to make me Your leader that can be used to change the world.

February 26, 1977

Shirley and I spend her first “married” birthday together here in Kona. Today (Saturday) has been a day of rest and catch-up for us after a wonderful love feast last night down at the Hale Halawai. The “Kings Kids” did an hour-long musical for us which as so good, professional, rich, and hilarious that it kept us in tears. God bless their young lives.

March 3, 1977

Only one more day and the 1977 LTS will be over. **What a rich and invigorating time this has been. I feel like God has just showered down revelation on me and drenched me with His plans for our future work of revival.** Now to be faithful to become the man of God behind the wall.

I was very thankful yesterday to share out team vision with Loren and to obtain his backing in the project. He was very excited and gave me some very helpful suggestions.

The Lord also comforted me through a friend yesterday morning who shared the following verse with me:

“Draw me after you and let us run together! The king has brought me into his chambers” (Song of Sol. 1:4).

+It was God’s personal words to me, and “the race is on.”

*As I was having a time of prayer this evening with Francois van Zyl, I believe the Lord laid it very possibly on my heart that our team will be going to South Africa in 1978. Lord, we go at your beckoning.

Mar. 5, 1977

To God be the glory. Great things He has done! Out of the rich first chapter of Deuteronomy, this morning the Lord clearly confirmed to me that our revival team ministry will begin on “the first day of the 11th month” (Deut. 1:3). I thank the Lord for this and many other details He has given. Today we move on to magnify His Name.

Mar. 8, 1977

Just want to mention that God answers prayer! After leaving Kona with change in our pockets, God heard our prayers in Honolulu and supplied us with enough money to buy our folks some small gifts.

And now down to 7 cents aboard our plane for home, the Lord sovereignly spoke to a stewardess on board who gave us a meal that we shouldn’t have gotten. Praise His Name for being so faithful—even in the “little” things.

Washington

Mar. 12, 1977

It’s lovely to be at home this year on my birthday and to be married. This morning in our devotional time together, God gave me the following Scriptures through Shirley to meditate on:

Josh. 1:5-9, Ezek. 33:7-9, Eph. 4:1,2, 1 Cor. 14:1, 1 Cor. 13:2, Mt. 6:25-33, Phil. 4:19, and Phil. 4:8.

Mar. 17, 1977

Days of much preparation and prayer and study here at home continue. I have just finished a wonderful book on the life of Abraham Lincoln (*A Heart That Yearned for God* by G. Frederick Owen) which was a deep blessing to my heart. Reading about this man of God gave me an even deeper desire to have the solemnity and compassion upon my life that Abraham Lincoln did.

Soon, Shirley and I will be looking around for the van God has told us to purchase, and we are much in prayer about the other details of concern and guidance.

Lord-willing, we will not be leaving for California until around April 30th.

Mar. 23, 1977

Praise be to God! A prayer that God laid on my heart many months ago is turning into a reality.

[Following is the story of the purchase of our first vehicle, a van, to be used in our Renewal Team ministry.]

Maybe a year ago I began praying for a vehicle that God had impressed on my mind that would eventually be needed in our ministry. After shelving the request for some time, God brought it strongly upon my heart while we were attending the LTS in Hawaii, and even led me to believe it would be a van to be used for God's service in our emerging team ministry.

Though I prayed for confirmation on it, I did not receive it until I came home and found a letter from Brother Jim Waller. In it, he had prayed and left us with a somewhat obscure Scripture that he didn't know the meaning of, but still felt led to give us.

It was Ezekiel 10—about a heavenly vision of cherubim and 4 wheels (vs. 9-17). After reading the chapter and meditating on it, God confirmed to my heart that He did want to give us a new van with many windows that would be used in our work of revival. All of these details were quickened to me from Ezekiel 10.

To shorten a lengthy story, God has led us to that specific vehicle—a 1975 Dodge van in excellent condition, and today I am wrapping up the deal to purchase it. God has led me in a specific way to arrange its financing, and so in faith, I'm going to proceed.

*Lord, we praise You for the great things you have done! From the very beginning, we give this precious gift back to you to be used in Your service.

March 31, 1977

Another little episode in the ways of God is worth mentioning here. While we were in Hawaii, Shirley started to have some minor circulatory problems in her legs. For this reason, we prayed and felt it was right to stop taking the birth control pill and then asked God to lead us accordingly.

Since then, we have had intercourse a few times under the guidance of God. Then, when we waited for her period to come, we began to wonder if she had become pregnant.

This led me to do some real praying before God that her period would arrive. Together we trusted in God's wisdom and kept praying. Finally, one night, I believe God led us to a Scripture which said, "We were in pain and agony, yet we gave birth to nothing" (Is. 26:18).

Still no sign of the period... Finally, as I kept praying, God confirmed His word and answered. And boy was it a river! We thank God for His faithfulness and **do desire to have children when He wants us to.**

*Our Father answers prayers in all areas.

**We leave for California on Apr. 15th, and Sunday April 3rd I flew to Montana to teach.

My Numbered Days – Apr. '77

My Ministry – Teaching/prophetic evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76)

*Special reminders: Josh. 1:5-9, Ez. 33:7-9, Eph. 4:1-2, 1 Cor. 14:1, 13:2, Phil. 4:19, 4:8.

+ LIFE OBJECTIVE: Salvation of the Lost/ Revival

+ Strategies: Preaching the Word, leading a revival team, training others world-wide in the ways of holiness.

+ Prayerful Tactics:

1. Home ministry – study, speaking, counsel.
2. Montana DSTS – April 3-6.
3. Move to California – Apr. 15
4. YWAM SON FEST Rally – Apr. 17 -July 1.
 - a. Bozeman SOS – June 27-July 3.
5. With Verna Hall and Rosalie Slater – July? 5-23
6. Serving the North American office.

Bozeman, Montana

Apr. 6, 1977

I'm in the air again, and this time alone—following a very fruitful three days at the Bozeman DTS. I spoke to a good group of students on being “The Light of the World,” and God added His blessing as many kids broke through into new areas of holy living for Him.

+ One very wonderful aspect of this short trip was the time I was able to spend with Wendy [Wiedenmeyer]. We had a number of afternoons in which we walked and talked and shared together, and out of it, and out of it, God clearly showed both her and I that she was to join our new team.

I thank the Lord for giving her to us and pray that she will be fulfilled and fruitful through our joining together.

Los Angeles, California

Apr. 17, 1977

Too busy to write! Seems to be a problem of late. This lovely day in April finds Shirley and I in San Francisco on our southward trip to Sunland. God's blessing has been upon us as we've picked up our home and begun to make the move to California.

Our last week in Port Orchard was extremely busy but very fulfilling. We had opportunities to see those we needed to see, and squeezed in the time to pack, load the van, and clean up the Cabana. Our departure was in expectancy, but not without a few tears.

After having dinner with my folks in Portland and spending a short night at their new home in Hillsboro, we were up at 3 am to begin our long drive. Our van was loaded to the gills—yet in reality, it was a perfect fit. God knew. Yesterday afternoon about 4 pm we arrived in San Francisco and last evening had dinner with Verna Hall and Rosalie Slater. From this very inspirational meeting, we have planned to come back and study under them during the month of July.

*I truly feel that my encounter with the women is of tremendous significance to our coming work. I believe they will help to forge a link in our chain that is vitally needed. I'm also deeply humbled and in awe because of the encounters like this that God has given me in my life. There must be a reason...

Today we drive into Sunland to begin our work and new home there.

April 20, 1977

“Behold God is my helper” (Ps. 54:4). This is a comforting truth as we begin our work here in Sunland. Received much revelation after meditating on this Scripture today.

[Shirley and I made our first home in LA at Leland and Fran Paris’ house who were traveling much at the time. I spent most days traveling the LA freeways inviting the LA church to participate in the YWAM rally that Leland was spear-heading.]

April 21, 1977

The next couple of months will be bust ones as I endeavor to carry the load of getting people out to our rally here in Los Angeles called SONFEST. I believe the Lord wants me to trust him for 10,000 people and I set this as my goal. Lord strengthen my hands...

April 26, 2019

The Lord has slowly been adding to the number of those who will be on our **Renewal Team** while we’ve been here in California. The most recent addition is **Judith Anderson**—a good friend who is currently working with the Bibles for Mexico outreach. We count it a privilege to have her given to us by the Lord.

The rally preparations continue, and we remain prayerful and industrious. A little bout of spring hay fever has been a testing of faith the last few days, yet I am learning good things in it all. “Yet will I rejoice in the Lord.”

May 4, 1977

Jim Waller arrived Sunday to spend a few days with Shirley and I and it is so good to see him. This is a busy time, yet we’re trusting that we can use every minute wisely in redeeming the time. **I continue to press in to the Lord as He daily teaches me much—especially about humility.**

May 11, 1977

The time rolls on as we continue to work on SON FEST and all that entails. Yesterday I was getting frustrated about the size of the task before us and the lack of people and organization that is available to pull it off.

Today I want to strengthen myself in Christ and, with a humble and submissive spirit, move on for Him. With the prayer of faith in one hand and humility in my heart (like David, whom I’ve been reading a lot about lately), I want to be used of the Lord to pull down Satan’s strongholds.

May 13, 1977

The last day or so (and really for a few weeks) I have been going through a very dry and uneasy time spiritually. Last night at home I sought the Lord about it and simply to get a glimpse that I had “left my first love” and needed to return. Even then, I couldn’t seem to break through to the Lord.

This morning I took a good hard look at my life again, and there was greater release and revelation and comfort with it out of Ps. 30:

“For His anger is but for a moment. His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning” (v.5).

+ Oh my God—lead me gently on to the pastures of consecration that come from a humble, submitted heart. I know that I need to spend more time with You...Meet me during those days. Empower me to work for revival in this city and revive me first to begin the work. Then I will be pure and able to joyously and zealously promote Your kingdom.

May 18, 1977

Some things stood out today in the Book of Life that are worthy of note:

1. God has been “training” me lately in the art of humble and pure thoughts and words. Thus, the following Scriptures were very meaningful to me this morning – “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight...” (Ps. 19:14). “Always do and say what is good...” (2 Thess. 2:17).
2. God brought Solomon’s prayer for wisdom most strongly to my mind. He specifically asked for the knowledge of the “difference between good and evil” (1 Kings 3). I thank God for the ability of moral discretion He has given me to date and make Solomon’s prayer the fervent desire of my heart.
3. It’s clear in the Bible from today’s reading that the place of revelation is the place of worship and commitment.
4. Psalm 78:72 – “David took care of them with unselfish devotion and led them with skill.” This is my prayer in the leading of the Renewal Team.

May 21, 1977

God is teaching me a lot through my involvement with SON FEST. Had a good time of sharing with Mark Brock yesterday as well as a very good time of prayer later with Shirley. Both encounters seemed to point to the need for maintaining a humble attitude toward the rally and its problems, and to press on in doing all that we can to make it a success.

Also had a group meeting at Black Ministries Unlimited last night down in Inglewood. **My eyes continue to open to the needs of minorities and those who are oppressed** “that they might be free in Christ.”

May 28, 1977

Pressing on for my Savior is a phrase that seems to describe my spiritual life lately.

Some things worthy of mention have taken place in the last week or so. First, last Tuesday Leland, Fran, Wick, Butch, and I shared a real openness and brokenness time concerning SON FEST that was greatly needed and I pray will put us on firm ground in continuing God’s work here. It was a precious time of honesty and learning.

Right now, I’ve got to go, but will finish my thoughts later...

June 3, 1977

I’m back! What extremely busy days these are as we gear up to have the SON FEST event here in Los Angeles.

It was a real blessing to have **Roger Duryea stay with us** this past week. He had finished up the Texas DTS and was on his way home and decided to fly in and spend some time with us. It was refreshing to be in his presence to say the least. Through the training and exposure, he received in Texas and Mexico, he is truly a “new creation in Christ Jesus.” Hallelujah.

I wish I could put down on paper all that God has been showing us lately, but time and space does not permit it. I do continue to thank the Lord for His constant love and willingness to prepare us for the work of revival.

June 11, 1977

By this time two other people have joined Shirley and I here in Sunland, CA. One who has permanently joined the Renewal Team is **Wendy Wiedenmeyer** from Montana. She’s a sweet girl—was Shirley’s maid-of-honor at our wedding—and we are pleased to have her. The other person who came to spend 6-7 weeks with us is **Cliff Heeney**.

Following SOE in Germany (with Shirley), Cliff has had some troubles at his home in Utah and has come out to “rehabilitate” with us and gain strength. I’ve already had some meaningful times with him, and repentance, re-examination and now the washing of His mind with the Word of God are all working together to stabilize and establish his walk in Christ.

Shirley and I have had some hard times lately and this has affected my own life. With a whirlwind of things happening and many areas of responsibility, I know a couple of things are true:

1. I need the power and counsel of my Savior.
2. Spending time with God, alone, and with Shirley is our vital importance to both of us.
3. God showed me today: “God showed me today, “Don’t look back. Keep marching forward!”

June 27, 1977

The busyness of the time surrounding SON FEST has kept me away from my journal. As I sit to write, SON FEST has come and gone, and new assignments and responsibilities lie ahead.

The rally itself, all in all, was a blessing. Though the crowds were smaller than what we would have liked (and this left us somewhat in debt), the messages that came forth were anointed by God, and I pray, received by the people.

If I sensed God saying one thing to me throughout this time it was this: **Don’t be ashamed. Keep your head high and learn from this opportunity.**

I receive that word from You, Lord, and incline my heart and mind to Your wisdom and understanding.

After a phone call from Verna Hall and Rosalie Slater last night, it was decided that our group time in San Francisco coming up would be changed. After praying with Wendy and Shirley, it seemed clear to me that God’s Hand was in it all, and so we are adjusting to His will.

July 2, 1977

Another ten-day stretch has gone by and I’ve been away from my journal. This lack of writing must mean I’ve been busy! That has been true.

Early Monday morning the four of us returned from our trip to San Francisco. All of us believe that the week was a fruitful one in which we accomplished things for God and got a much-needed rest.

The week was not totally free of trial however. On a few of the earlier days, Shirley began to show some signs of some real spiritual struggles in her life which come out in a very rebellious and defiant attitude. As she continued to yield to these temptations, it began to cause a real break in our relationship and in her relationship to the Lord.

Finally, after a few days of talking and praying, I thank the Lord that she emerged out of it and is now walking with the Lord again. She was especially freed from the battle with sin as she shoes to humble herself before Cliff and Wendy one morning, and I pray this experience will teach her the importance of “confessing our faults to one another.”

The rest of the days, the Lord was good to allow us to just look around the city and enjoy the company of one another. Our motel was just a block from the zoo and the ocean, and there

were fun places to visit. On the 4th of July we watched a firework's display down at Candlestick Park and I tried to meditate in my heart upon the importance of that day. It was truly one of the greatest days in history 200 years ago when a Christian nation was born.

On Friday my parents flew in from Portland to be with us for my ordination on Sunday morning. For an ordination present, they had decided to take me out and buy me a new suit. So, on Saturday the four of us spent the day shopping around—and came up with a very nice outfit. More than anything, it was very nice to be with them.

The next morning, I took the important step of becoming an ordained minister in the eyes of men in a service in a local church in Palo Alto. Pastor Herbert Baker performed the ceremony, and for the sermon I preached out of Acts 26 from the very Scripture God had spoken to me through four and a half years before when He first called me to be His servant. The service went very well. My only prayer is that the day was pleasing to my Savior and that I will be an even greater asset for the work of His kingdom for which He has appointed me to be a “minister and a witness unto Him.”

*Now we are back in Sunland and helping again with the many moving preparations that need to be done. In the coming weeks we sure need the Lord to provide our financial needs as well as to lead us in the planting of our ministry in Solvang.

+ I am confident in the goodness of my God!

July 24, 1977

“I have chosen you and not rejected you. Do not fear for I am with you. Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you. Surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

“I am the Lord. I have called you in righteousness. I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you. And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those who dwell in darkness from the prison” (Is. 41:9, 10, 42:6,7).

After some days of stress and uncertainty and continued responsibilities here in Sunland, the Lord gently ministered to me this morning in His Word—and especially through the above verses.

For various reasons, the past few days and weeks have been somewhat vague and random. Due to circumstances here in Sunland, the four of us have still not been able to get up to Solvang—especially, to begin concentrating on our Renewal Team ministry. Although this has been somewhat frustrating, God has continued to ENCOURAGE, even in non-ordinary ways.

Last evening was an example of His creative encouragement. Shirley, Wendy and I decided to go see the movie *Star Wars* which was showing at a nearby drive-in. Being a kind of science-fiction parable, God even used this interesting film to motivate me to keep going.

+ to “trust Him, to know that He is the “force” who will be with me always, and that if I keep on laboring courageously against evil, victory will come.

It has been an encouraging and peaceful Sabbath. The hot, California summer days go on and I rest in the shade of the Almighty.

Solvang, California

July 29, 1977

We’ve been up in Solvang for a few days now helping where we can with the North American office. Thus, our lessons in serving continue.

Last evening was a special night. After we were done working for the day, Judith Anderson came over to our trailer for dinner, and after eating and enjoying fellowship, Shirley, I, Wendy and Judith had a very nice time talking about the coming Renewal Ministry. This was the first time that the four of us had been together in this way, and really the first time ever that we as team members could stop to direct our sole attention to the ministry that is coming.

It was an excellent time, very important for us to completely bear my heart before them last night and then lead us all in initial prayers for the Renewal Team work. Out of our time of prayer came a sweet spirit of unity and encouragement, and the wisdom of God seemed to pervade much of our discussion and requests. This encouragement I personally received from the Lord, and to be honest, it came at a time when I needed it badly.

What mainly transpired was a desire to get going--and also some initial ideas about how to prepare in the next three months. All of us sensed in prayer that our leaning toward the purchasing of trailers was from the Lord. Praise God for His wisdom. We also began to think out-loud and pray about how to finance the vehicles, and I believe God is giving us a plan.

*This morning as I read in Isaiah, I was greatly impressed that chapters 58 and 59 of that prophetic book are tremendously applicable to our work. This day I make their principles our theme and their spirit our desire. God bless us as we now move forward.

My Numbered Days – August ‘77

My Ministry: Teaching and prophetic evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Lk. 1:76) A Watchman (Ez. 33:1-10)

Special Reminder: Josh. 1:5-9 – Be strong and very courageous!

LIFE OBJECTIVE – Revival – The Salvation of the Lost.

STRATEGIES: Leading the Renewal Team, teaching, ministry and writing.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS:

1. Ministry at home – Aug. 8 – Sept. 3
2. North American Staff Conference – Sept. 6-10
3. Ministry in Colorado – Sept. 12-25
4. Solvang Preparations – Sept. 26 – Nov. 1 – Dec. 27
 - a. Working in Solvang.
 - b. Laying groundwork for Renewal Ministry.
 - c. Teaching in a few DTS's.
 - d. Ministry at home = Dec. 14-30/
 - i. Family.
 - ii. Recruit for Argentina.

Port Orchard, Washington

August 7, 1977

For the past few moments I have been reading through my journal, beginning in the month of March and coming up to the present. It has been good to do this for a few reasons. **First, it reminds of “all the way in which God has led me,” and second, it tremendously encourages my faith as I read of the answers to prayer and things to praise the Lord about.** I ought to do this more often—and will.

It has been a few days since I took pen in hand and sat down to write. This beautiful August evening finds me at “home” in Port Orchard, WA where Shirley and I and Wendy have retreated for a few weeks. Before I go on a little back-tracking would be in order.

Twenty-four hours ago, our present stay in California came to an end. Since my last writing, we had worked with Leland and Fran Paris on their move up to Solvang and then prepared to go ourselves. Tiring days of much travel and physical labor marked this time. Yet I know in my heart it was good for us as **I believe that it really taught us how to serve other people and be patient in our plans and desires.** This is a lesson that can never be learned well enough, and I praise God for emphasizing it to us during this season of our lives.

On Saturday morning, Cliff also left us—going on his way to Germany. All of us grew to love him very much during his stay with us, and this was evidenced very well by the tears that streamed down our cheeks at the airport following his departure. Now our prayer is that God's potential for his life will move forward in fruitfulness.

A few hours after Cliff leaving, it was our turn to load up the vans and begin a non-stop trip to Washington. Right now, we are here—and very tired—yet looking forward to this time of rest, business, reunions, and the like. Tonight, we're staging a surprise for Shirley's folks on the evening of their anniversary.

*Thank you, dear Savior, for your unending care in our lives. During the time in Washington, we want to glorify Your Name. I commit our finances to you. I commit the decisions that need to be made to your wisdom and I determine to be strong and courageous that you may be pleased with the offering of my tiny little life.

August 14, 1977

So far, our trip to Port Orchard has proved to be a good one. It has again been refreshing to be in the presence of friends and our church family at Harper, and mainly it has been so right to be here to share our lives in total with our families.

God continues to also give me revelation concerning the beginning of our team ministry the next few months. In faith I have asked the Lord to supply the \$41,000 that we need to purchase our trailers and vehicles, and specifically I'm waiting on the Lord about my immediate need of \$6,000. I'm confident He will show me His perfect will in this matter soon.

And the lessons in growth continue! The Kingdom of God is the best "training center" in the world, and daily I am learning things about myself, my marriage, and about others.

+ Lord, continue to lead and bless our numbered days in Port Orchard.

*One other thing that is worthy of note is that this past weekend my dad and I seriously discussed the possibility of our YWAM team inheriting Grandpa and Grandma's property out in Waterman following their departure from this earth. It is a beautiful property and has tremendous potential for a home base and ministry. This we too commit to the Lord who "guides us in all our ways."

August 21, 1977

"Until the time came that His Word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him" (Ps. 105:19).

"The Lord has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death" (Ps. 118:18).

As I go through a difficult time in my own life spiritually, the verses above come as a real comfort. Though "tested" and "disciplined" by the Lord, my hope and trust in Him remain firm. Now all I desire is the revelation to emerge.

September 7, 1977

I guess I had better sit down again and try to relate the “wonders” of God in my life over the past few weeks. To do this, I’ll have to do a little back-tracking.

Our last week or so in Port Orchard was a good one. There was some real searching of heart for guidance regarding our vehicles and trailers for ministry. A few times I just cried out to God for understanding, and He graciously heard and answered my cry. A few times He checked us—as to certain purchases—and finally we made some decisions that I believe are in His will for us. These we will pursue.

On our last weekend, I had the privilege of speaking at a church retreat held up in Snoqualmie. The “Open Bible” young people were having the gathering, and God really ministered to us all—including me. For the first time in my life, I ministered on the subject of “Humility.”

Elm Springs, Arkansas

Late that Sunday evening I met Shirley at the airport and we flew here to Arkansas for the North American Staff Conference. God has been blessing mightily and this I will record in detail next time.

“The joy of the Lord is our strength.”

September 11, 1977

Oh, how sweet and moving has been the presence of the Holy Spirit in Arkansas. It has truly been a conference blessed with the visitation of the Holy One of Israel. Through a variety of speakers (including Joy Dawson, Loren Cunningham and Harry Conn), God has given us insights into the things that are upon His heart this year. He has challenged us to deeper levels of prayer and holiness. These themes lined the prophetic words that came forth.

It was also a time of great fellowship for us all as we met friends from all over North America and enjoyed their company.

[This was the first time I met a 17-year old Twila Paris who sang for the conference her very first song called “Spring Water.” She was born and raised in YWAM, later to become famous as a song-writer and Gospel singer. As a friend, she later wrote the Forward for my *Restoring America’s Conscience* book in 1994.]

In my own life the week has been very convicting. God spoke to me concerning many needs in my Christian walk and greatly encouraged me in our quickly-emerging team ministry. Here are some of the highlights:

1. I need to deepen my understanding of the fear of the Lord on my life (which is to hate evil).
2. *I desperately need to know more of the voice of the Lord in my life. It is the key to obedience.
3. Now is the time to begin learning how to pray fervently and effectually for people. A prayer warrior I must be.
4. God showed me that in beginning out team ministry I had become so occupied with the practical and financial needs that I had taken my eyes off our reason for being—and that is to see the salvation of the lost. (This came as a word of the Lord to YWAM overall.)
5. In faith and with praise we must resist the devil and do battle against him.
6. **In a word of guidance, the Lord spoke to us as a team that we are to be in Argentina for the World Cup Soccer Games next June and help financially with this outreach.**

+ And a multitude of other blessings followed. **I praise You, Lord God of Heaven and earth, for revealing Your ways to us! Your presence is so sweet—Your leading so secure. Take me by the hand and continue to develop me as I “seek first the Kingdom of God.”**

Montrose, Colorado

September 19, 1977

So far, our time or ministry in Montrose, California has been a good one. It has been good to be with the Jack Holy family (father of Lynn Davison) and to make ourselves available to the Lord in a variety of situations.

Sunday morning, I preached at both services of a small Episcopalian Church in town and last evening I shared at an interdenominational fellowship. I pray that God’s blessing will follow the Word.

My lessons in hearing God’s voice continue. It certainly is a time of learning to trust in God and keep going. After reading a book on the Canadian Revival (*Flames of Freedom* by Erwin Lutzer), I am more and more getting excited to begin the ministry God has called us to.

*First, I will perform my first wedding ceremony this week (Mike & Lynn Davison). Then we move on...with Jesus.

[I didn’t record in my journal that during the wedding ceremony, one of the bride-maids fainted during the ceremony. She fell and hit her head on the altar. I didn’t know if I should stop the ceremony and have a healing service or continue! Fortunately, some people attended to her and we carried on and tied the knot. Strange first experience as a “marriage minister.”]

September 22, 1977

I had a wonderful time with the Lord this morning in His Word. Oh, how I love the Bible! How thankful I am to be leading my life by its standards and truth.

I was deeply challenged today as I read in Dan. 9 & 10 what a “man of high esteem” Daniel was in the eyes of heaven and hell due to his love and reverence for God and humble and disciplined prayer life.

In Luke 5 I was struck with Jesus’ dealings with Peter. What caught my attention was that Peter seemed to undergo a sort of conversion experience in Luke 5:8—he then spent three years being trained by Jesus and grew in understanding. Between Christ’s death on the cross and Pentecost, he went through a “re-conversion” experience and then was used by God. This coincides very interestingly with my New Zealand and Germany experiences.

God has directed me to read Joshua 2 this morning saying that as regards our ministry, It is now time for Joshua 2.” (God gave me Joshua 1 on August 7*.) Revelation is coming as to what this means.

September 26, 1977

A sequence of principles and truths stood out to me yesterday in my morning devotions. They come out of Luke 8:

1. Preach the Kingdom of God (vs. 1-3).
2. Have an honest, good and persevering heart (vs. 4-15).
3. Be the light of the world (vs. 16-17).
4. Listen to the Holy Spirit and do the will of God (vs. 18-21).
5. Do not fear (vs. 22-39).
6. Have faith! (vs. 40-56).

Port Orchard, Washington

October 2, 1977

Shirley, Wendy and I are no back in Washington to tie up some loose business ends before returning to Solvang. To put a lot of thoughts into a few words will be challenging.

Yesterday we picked up our first trailer to be used in the revival ministry. Dave Saavedra and I spent a good part of the day learning about it and preparing it to travel, and then we drove it over from Everett early in the evening. For the time being we have it parked up on Lidstrom Hill near the Cabana.

During this time of purchasing vehicles and preparing for the team, I personally have been going through somewhat of a rough time. God's ears have seemed far away. My cries have seemed to ascend upward with greater difficulty. In this confusion, I have set my face to follow Jesus and love Him to the end. In my heart I know that He will honor my perseverance.

October 3, 1977

"You will revive me..." "The Lord will accomplish what concerns me" (Ps. 138:7,8).

*This is the ground of promise I stand on today.

October 8, 1977

I suppose it is important to mention that as of this date, God has released to us all the necessary trailers and vehicles that we need. We now have for the ministry a '75 Dodge van, a '73 Pontiac Gran Ville, a '73 Nomad thirty-foot trailer and a '73 thirty-five-foot Coachman trailer. We praise God for these the first-fruits and stand in awe of His hand of provision.

In God's Word this morning I was deeply impressed with the tenderness and life of Ezra the scribe and out of chapter 9:9 of his book, the following words stood out to me: "give us reviving to raise up the house of our God...and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem."

I sought the Lord as to the meaning of this verse and He indicated to me that in it were contained the same goals of our Renewal Ministries Team: 1) to revive the church, and 2) prophetically prepare God's people for the end of the age and the coming of Christ.

*Another thing I wanted to record this morning has to do with further details in our ministry. Over the past few months God has put many thoughts in my mind concerning us establishing a home base. This thought has again upon my heart this morning. It's like God is trying to show me the importance of having a center to coordinate our ministry. This can be a place of prayer, a revival library and tape center, and a logistical base. Lord—I commit these thoughts to You and ask You to make them a reality.

October 14, 1977

Beginning last night and concluding this morning, I have been renewing myself in the Lord. Conviction of sin and leanness in my own heart and soul have emerged out of this time, and I have repented before God and vowed to return and move forward.

Much of this searching has been in my own personal prayer life which has been so shallow of late. God—renew me to the place of obedience and consecration to You that will overflow in glory being given to You.

I press on toward the mark as God's blessings and leadings continue.

*God also showed me this morning that there are four things I am to do all the time: 1) Meditate in His Word, 2) Pray without ceasing, 3) Rejoice always with thanksgiving, and 4) Let everything be done in love.

Solvang, California

October 23, 1977

A few days ago, Shirley, Wendy and I left Washington and have now arrived in Solvang. Because our time in Port Orchard was again so busy, I didn't have much time to sit down and record the dealings and blessings of the Lord. We did, however, accomplish the things that God wanted us to do, and then we set out for our "new pastures."

I sure praise our good Lord for giving us a safe and enjoyable trip these 1100 miles to southern California. We were pulling our two big trailers that God has given us for the ministry—I was leading with the Coachman and Shirley and Wendy followed with the van and Nomad. We took out time getting here and arrived safe Friday evening in time for the Love Feast. The vehicles performed so well that we didn't use an extra drop of oil and this I truly credit to God's secure hand upon us.

Before us now lies the launching of the Renewal Ministries Team. To be honest, I feel very weak spiritually and due to a lot of different circumstances, I sense the need for the power and encouragement of Jesus Christ more now than ever. Yet, knowing His character and continuing to praise Him, I believe He will not let me down... but continue to lead us in His sweet will and way.

Oct. 30, 1977

Just completed a fruitful week teaching at the Solvang School of Evangelism. God gave me the strength and ability while still in transition and flux.

We give praise to God for also providing a place for us to put our trailer—at the Foss Mobile Home Park in Solvang. It was a specific and beautiful answer to prayer, and we'll be "moving in" in Tuesday.

**November 2, 1977*

Yesterday afternoon in a session with the staff here in Solvang, Oren Paris shared a good word on the importance of getting personal revelation from the Word through meditation and then writing it down. God used the time to reinforce in my mind the importance of this journal and the written record of my walk with the Savior.

To respond to this "old truth made new," I have determined to begin meditating in the Word and writing out my thoughts personally to the Lord. Today I will begin.

“I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:12). I know, Lord, that my greatest need in life is for your revelation. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. Jesus—thank you for Your treasures of truth. I continually pray that You can entrust them to me and I value them greater than the most delicious of savors! Hungry I am, Ron.

Nov. 3, 1977

“Be on the alert!” (Mk. 13:33,35,37). Thank you for showing me, Lord, that alertness leaves no room for apathy or laziness in our lives. To be alert is to be awake, on guard, prepared, in command. I want to be ALERT, Lord Jesus today to You and the battle against sin on earth. It’s a “red alert” and I want to be found manning my post. Love, Ron.

*We’ve also moved into our new home at the Foss Mobile Home Park and this is cause for rejoicing in God.

Nov. 4, 1977

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men” (Luke 2:14). This little morsel of revelation indicates that God’s greatest designs are for His glory and peace among selfish human beings on earth. Lord, I desire to be one of Your “peace-makers.”

Nov. 6, 1977

You must value human life highly before can weep. “Have I wept for the one whose life is hard?” (Job 30:25).

Port Orchard, Washington

November 10, 1977

Events have happened quickly which I now have time to record. The sobering circumstance that has occupied the time has been the death of Grandpa Boehme. He left this earth to be with Jesus on Nov. 8, at dawn, just a few days ago.

God was so wonderful and so near. I found out that Grandpa was near death on Monday evening when Shirley and I called the folks. Believing that God wanted me to be with him, I hopped on an airplane and arrived at 3 am. When I got to the house, it was lit up and many of the family were there to be with their father and grandfather during his last moments on earth.

From 3 am until the sun began to dawn, we sat around Grandpa’s bed encouraging him in Jesus and reaching out our hands of love and appreciation. At 6:50 am with only Uncle Donald and Delores Dugan and myself in the room, did the sputter of Grandpa’s fading life begin to flicker and finally he was gone. What an awesome moment that was! Tears flowed freely—

Grandma faced the reality that her companion and lover for nearly 60 years was gone to a better land. I pondered how good the Lord had been to rescue his life from sin.

I believe that Grandpa personally met the Lord during the few months proceeding his death. As hideous and cruel as the stomach cancer had been, God had used the disease in his life to draw him to Himself and assure him of eternal life. How gracious and priceless had been that experience.

[I had spoken to him in their dining room a few weeks or months before when he was struggling and prayed with him to receive the Lord into his life.]

Today the funeral was held, and many people came to pay their respects. As God had shown nearly three weeks previous, I had the opportunity to give the sermon and speak as fervently and as tenderly as I could out of 2 Samuel 12: 22-24. I pray that God spoke to many hearts.

Grandpa Boehme is gone...but God has continued to extend His gracious and loving hand toward my family. Oh, how I intensely pray that many will come to salvation and be able to say with confidence that “they shall go to him.”

Solvang, California

Nov. 15, 1977

Back in Solvang. Shirley and I have recently started a custom where we give each other a Scripture promise every Sunday. We get the verses or verses in prayer and then give them to each other to meditate on and apply over a week's time. My verse for this week is Rom. 8:32: “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, will He not freely give us all things.”

+ Lord Jesus—I claim this as a promise in our ministry and thank You for the yielding up of your life. I want to follow Your example and make my life ever yielded to You.

Bozeman, Montana

November 20, 1977

The present moment finds me at an airport in Spokane, Washington on my way to Bozeman, Montana to teach God's Word.

This week Steve and Anita Herzig and Roger Cresswell arrived from England to join the Renewal Team. It is a tremendous joy to be re-united with them once again.

To move to the area of my present concern: Lord Jesus, I am in desperate need of You today. I am tired physically. The days of emotional and spiritual test have continued. Many thoughts have gone through my mind in trying to discern the source of my struggles, and all I know to do is to make my conscience and heart draw close to You and stand on Your promises.

As I continue to move on with You, Lord, I need You to light my path and fill my soul with joy. Show me the promises of Your Word and lead me in the path of truth. I trust You. The following are the gems of truth that I remain rooted to as I prepare to minister in Bozeman:

“But thanks be to God who always leads us in His triumph in Christ and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place” (2 Cor. 2:14).

“Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God” (2 Cor. 3:5).

Nov. 23, 1977

The ministry here in Bozeman to a very immature and independent school has been going well. As I finished my heavier session on conscience last night, a good time of brokenness and repentance was brought upon us from heaven. This was very much needed, and I pray that many hearts were changed permanently out of love for Christ.

Lord—I sure appreciated meditating on Your life this morning from Matt.13-16. I want to be like You in the fear of God, wisdom, compassion, and power. The one tidbit I learned was the importance of praying AFTER ministry which You practiced in Your life. I want to apply this immediately. You’re a wonderful example and I love You. Ron.

Sunland/Solvang, California

Nov. 29, 1977

The Lord gave me some guidance out of the Word this morning that is important to note: “Work with your hands, just as we commanded you; so that you may eat...not be in any need” (1 Thess. 4:11,12).

As I asked the Lord about this I felt that this was direct confirmation that I was to work personally for 3-4 months next year in helping pay off our loan. I was also then impressed to “encourage one another and build up one another...help the weak” (1 Thess. 5:11,14).

This is a very important word for forming our team ministry—and speaks to me about the rightness of Wes and Martha Hendrickson joining us.

Portland, Oregon

Dec. 12, 1977

The past couple of weeks have flown by so quickly that I've haven't had time to even make an entry in my journal. Sad state that is! I just better make sure that my busyness is ordained in heaven.

A week or so ago I went to Sunland to teach. It was a good session among forty independent-minded students. I spoke on moral government, conscience, American history (which was well received) and revival. Shirley, as well as Steve and Anita and Roger accompanied me on the trip and I believe the time of teaching was very meaningful to them—especially to Anita.

[Rich Riedesel was a student in this school where we met for the first time, he joined out Renewal Team later, and became friends for life. Chuck Cregier was also in this school.]

Personally, the Lord has continued to lead me in a time of testing. In prayer the other day He reminded me to be “strong and courageous” during the testing period, and also shared with me that the whole of next year is to be a time of “sacrifice, labor, and refinement.” I know that we need this and that the Almighty loves us more than I could ever know. These thoughts give me strength and even the desire to press on and encounter the tests.

The present day finds us in Portland, Oregon at my parents. Six of us have come here to the Northwest for the holidays and believe that these are to be good weeks of rest and ministry before returning to Solvang.

My priorities for this time: 1) Seek the Lord and be full of Him, 2) Release local friends into training and ministry, 3) Recruit for Argentina, 4) And minister to my family.

*If I succeed in the first one, the others will fall gently and wonderfully into line. Lord help me. You've also been dealing with me very acutely in the areas of my words and humor to people. Confessions have been many and my conscience very sharp to pick up on the smallest word or phrase that doesn't edify. My confession today, Lord Jesus, is that I desire the sweetness of Your Being in every word and mannerism. Only You—with my cooperation—can make it so.

December 22, 1977

Time here at home has been good. One thing that the Lord showed me this morning was to set aside a day to seek God about some decisions that need to be made soon. With joy, I will gladly do that for Him.

December 28, 1977

It has been a good Christmas season. Come and gone—and still there remains to be “peace on earth, good will to men.”

This Christmastime at home has been very meaningful. Christmas Day itself was full of time with family and friends—and a lovely time of worship and instruction in church, being that Christmas fell on Sunday this year. Unusually precious to me this year were the many carols and hymns that joyfully told of the Savior’s birth. The words of many of these familiar tunes seemed to come alive to me in new ways as I concentrated on the depth of the songwriter’s faith. “Oh Come All Ye Faithful” was especially meaningful to me as I set my heart to “adore” the Lord Jesus, and also determined to be among the number of the “faithful.”

Some things to note from this time:

1. God has brought to my mind an idea that He gave me some time ago. It’s the importance of setting aside one month each year for relaxing and spiritual refreshing. The month of December could be that month from now on. I commit myself to this this command. I do.
2. Concerning our debt (vehicle sand trailers): I have been pondering for some days now the idea of selling Christian books door-to-door in the Santa Inez Valley area. This needs to be a matter for prayer.

*I had a decayed tooth pulled yesterday! Though my outer man is decaying, my inner man is being renewed day by day!

Dec. 30, 1977

God said to me this morning during a time of prayer for America: “The time is coming quickly. Prepare my people.”

+ Lord – give me understanding and erect me a pulpit.