

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1981

January 1, 1981

It is going to be a year of opportunity. I was greatly encouraged in the Word this morning, especially in meditating on the intimacy of heaven. I am in spiritual need in my life right now, but my eyes are fixed in the right place. My Redeemer comes.

Washington, D.C.

January 10, 1981

For three or four years I have been saying that 1981 was a watershed year. We have now “entered in” and the nation is sure shaking and seemingly able to prove the point. The hostages are still captive in Iran. Wall Street is breaking daily records. In ten days, Ronald Reagan will be sworn in as the 40th president of the United States.

And God continues to awaken and call. May we all hear his voice.

We finished our very good time on the west coast. I believe I could say that this trip was one of the best...especially in personal times with the family and brethren. Many are going on with God. Hallelujah! We continue to encourage them.

I also spent some time looking at the long-range goals and direction of our lives and ministry. Much wonderful and awesome revelation came. It was mainly as time of “sanctified planning” that I thoroughly enjoyed and now want to implement.

On January 8th we returned to Washington, D.C. to get back to work. The greatest challenges of our lives are now before us in all ways—to touch a city and nation for God and to see before our eyes the necessary miracles.

*From my reading in Genesis I have received a new appreciation for the patriarch Abraham, and as he was, so I desire to be a “friend of God.” May I be overwhelmed and anointed by your grace and this important juncture in my life, Lord Jesus. May I be your blessed friend.

January 11, 1981

During a time of spiritual need, the Word of God is always very rich. Much encouraging Scripture has been given to me recently and this morning it was this portion:

“Tremble and do not sin. Meditate in your heart upon your bed and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness (i.e. praise and diligence) and trust in the Lord” (Psalm 4:4,5).

January 25, 1981

Busy and challenging weeks these are. It seems like the pace always quickens in our work. Where there’s “positive vision,” the people perish from being overworked!

Our biggest push right now has been to cooperate with God in seeing the funds released for our new center downtown. To do this, we have been led to do a 13,000-mass mailing to YWAM, to write 1000 personal letters to friends, to contact 1012 churches and schedule services, and to schedule a businessmen’s luncheon for February 10th. This is all we can do. Now the Living God must anoint.

During the fund-raising God has greatly encouraged me to believe him for the miracle. While meeting with Dr. John Meares at Evangel Temple, a “word” came forth that we would not have to strive to see the money released. In a few other encounters with people visiting us, I stand on and rest in these words. We are out on the waters of faith to meet the Lord.

Things have been jumping here in the capital. On January 20th we attended the inauguration of Ronald Reagan as the 40th president of the United States. Huge crowds filled the area on front of the Capitol Building and Pennsylvania Avenue for the parade. In the evening we gathered to pray for the new administration. May God use them in a mighty way for his glory.

On Thursday we joined nearly 100,000 people in the annual “Right to Life March.” It was an impressive affair and very spiritual in nature. May the great evil of abortion stop soon. We were happy to join with this group that carries a conviction in this desperate area of moral atrocity.

*During all this time God has been speaking to me about really producing fruit in our ministry. Converts. Disciples. Missionaries. I want myself and our base to be clearly living for those results. Lord, begin in my own heart and life and don’t let me go until this is a reality and the norm.

February 10, 1981

God encouraged me directly from the Word this morning by prompting me to turn to Ps. 3:3,4. Precious promises...

These are exciting and exhausting weeks for us. January and now into mid-February have been busy weeks. I thank God for his never-ending grace.

On Wednesday of this past week—as a part of the National Prayer Breakfast—I had the privilege of attending a meeting of national religious leaders. At the meeting I was greatly privileged to meet Dr. Billy Graham for the first time. Also, at our table was evangelist Luis

Palau and Chuck Colson. A tremendous burden and vision were shared for reaching the nation's capital. It was truly an historic occasion.

For three or four days we also were able to have **Loren Cunningham with us.** What a precious man of God to follow and imitate!

*And now—we are trusting and pressing toward the needed miracle of our financial need—Feb. 15--\$59,000. We have done all that we know to do. We are totally dependent on the provision of God.

February 13, 1981

This morning we traveled south about 75 miles to look at a piece of property. It is a 120-acre property that a woman—Mrs. Nancy Seaber—possibly wants to donate to YWAM. It is a lovely rural setting with a small lake and river. At this point we are only waiting on God to convince us of his will. Faithful is he that calls us into all these areas of ministry.

*And in two days we face the largest need for a miracle that we have ever encountered. So far, about \$11,000 has come in. \$48,000 more is needed. I have nowhere to turn but you, my Lord and King. **I delight to remind you of your promises and learn all your lessons. These are most precious—more than property.** Teach us all very deeply, Father. Amen.

February 20, 1981

We continue to TRUST IN OUR GREAT GOD. Yesterday we were able to put down \$15,000 toward our building payment and have been granted a little time to come up with the rest. Od has encouraged us in a number of ways to “hang on”—that He would not let us all. Much of his encouragement has been Scriptural:

- Prov. 12:27, Is. 41:10-20, Luke 18:1ff, Ps. 21:7-13, Hab. 2:1-4, and 2 Sam. 7:11b-13.

March 1, 1981

During the pressures and responsibilities, I have neglected to record God's activity in my life for the past few days. I've noticed this as a pattern before. When I get very busy and the responsibilities mount up, there is a tendency to forget about the journal. It's a tragedy too because many of God's greatest teachings come at that time.

A few days ago, God really spoke to me about the importance of concentrating on the work of the building. I truly felt convicted that we were trying to do too many things at the same time and God's priority for us with the building—which was his first gift to us here. The words came to my mind—BUILD THE WALL. Immediately I turned to the book of Nehemiah and read where the Hebrew people all worked together with trowel and sword to rebuild Jerusalem. In chapter 6:15 it says:

“So, the wall was completed on the 25th day of the month...in fifty-two days.

Instantly the Spirit encouraged me to set aside the next nine weeks to devote our full attention to the work at the building. God wanted us to have single vision toward this beachhead He had given us, and during this time to unify, purify, and deepen in prayer and praise all our members.

By April 25th, God wanted to accomplish this. We have been following the Lord in this revelation. For the next nine weeks we are bonding together to give birth to 133 C. Street. Nearly \$10,000 was released to us this week to encourage us. In one more week, much more is due. As I look at these “giants” around me, my heart cries out in the words and spirit of Nehemiah 6:9: “But now, O God, strengthen my hands,”

Garden Valley, Texas

March 10, 1981

It is a blessing to once again be at the Twin Oaks Ranch near Lindale, Texas, and be speaking at the DTS. After a quick bout with the flu on Friday night, God quickly touched me and raised me up and sent me on my way.

I really feel that this week is an important one for me. It is good to be away from the pressures of the ministry in the city—and especially seek God’s face for direction in some areas. The distance creates a little more objectivity.

A continual flow of revelation has recently come from the book of Deuteronomy—one of my favorites. Here are just a few of the thoughts:

- Deut. 10:11,12 – God wants us to “possess the land,” that is, to take Washington, D.C. for God. “Possession” is his promise and desire, just like the land of Canaan for the Israelites.
- This must be done “little by little” (Deut. 7:22). We must perseveringly conquer the strongholds of the enemy.

*Lord, I seek your face right now. I cannot live without your gracious revelation. It is my guiding light, beacon of hope, and ground of faith. I also thank you for restoring me into the sense of the importance of my humble relationship with you and with others. Oh, continue to work in my life!

Washington, D.C.

March 23, 2019

Too many busy days and too little writing. Since returning from Texas and now 28 years old, the usual busy schedule of work and ministry in Washington has continued. One wonderful thought at this time in my life: From now on I will have lived more of my life for Jesus than in sin. All glory to my God and King!

March 17-18, I had the privilege of attending a meeting on evangelism which included Tom Hess, Winkie Pratney, Larry Tomczak, Tony Salerno, Bob Weiner and others. After seventeen hours together we emerged inspired and sharpened. Tremendous light was shed abroad.

We are believing God for every promise for 133 C. St. It is a daily walk of faith that we are committed to sinning. This morning God encouraged me to live a “faith that works by love” (Gal. 5:6). After two days of rest, I am ready to move on.

Concord, New Hampshire

April 6, 1981

Last week Shirley had I had the privilege of ministering at YWAM in New Hampshire. After a slow start, God really began to bless the “Kingdom of God” series which I had not given in over two years. (I do not use the 19th century term “Moral Government” as that phraseology is currently controversial, and it is better to stick to Bible terms. In the end, I was personally exhausted, but it had been well received with much serious thinking, conviction and tears. Shirley wonderfully complimented me in ministry.

On Monday March 31, we were stunned to see on television the attempted assassination of President Reagan. He had been shot while leaving the Hilton Hotel but is now doing fine and is recovering. For a few hours the nation was chocked and on edge. It led me to renew my commitment to pray for this God-appointed man.

After spending a day with Pinajians in New Jersey on the way, we have now returned home.

*This morning God spoke to me out of Colossians 3:11-17 to continue being RENEWED and believing him for everything that he has for us in Washington, D.C. A busy week lies ahead. It is an awesome and perilous moment in history (the Soviet Union appears to be about to invade Poland which will have great international ramifications). On my part, I want to be seeking hard after God and doing his will for my life in all things.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”

April 25, 1981

A time lag has gone by. Seems to be a perpetual problem. Lord, I really need you to help me use my time wisely and to faithfully record your dealings in my life.

The **Summit Impact Outreach** has blossomed well the past few months—50-100 churches are now likely to participate in this historic evangelism thrust. Though a lot of responsibility falls on our shoulders during a time in which there is already a lot of pressure, I am so thankful to God for the opportunity. It truly is time for the church to unite and to take up the challenge of the cities.

The other “mountain” continually before us is 133 C. St. Work is slow, the laborers are few and finances are a weight. I am learning much right now and persevering in God. Though the Lord’s voice has been somewhat silent during this phase, I have confidently set my heart to do all that I know how to do and BELIEVE GOD.

**It is a good time of lessons. Praise the Lord for helping me through it. I love you, Lord, and am committed to your cause.

May 11, 1981

I have been going through a personal testing time recently. In it I have especially cried out to God to revive my prayer life—to grant me the spirit of prayer once again resting on my life and ministry.

It is a time of great decision-making and responsibility for me as we continue to establish our ministry in Washington. I want to “dream God’s dream” and live by “high goals” to have God pleased by my stewardship.

*On important thing to note: a week or so ago the Lord miraculously allowed us to sell all our travel trailers. Soon after this, he clearly spoke to Shirley and I that we were to give all the money received from the trailer sale and donate it to the building. He showed us that the trailers had been given to us and symbolized the beginning of the Renewal Team. Now we were to invest them in the new expanded role he has given us in the nation’s capital. Thus, their legacy and usefulness live on.

[Sometime around this time Shirley and I and Mike and Lyn Davison and their baby Jessica moved into Bonnie Gloth’s condominium in Shirlington (Arlington, VA). We would never live in trailers again.]

Lexington, Kentucky

May 20, 1981

This week the Lord has allowed us to be in Lexington, Kentucky to speak at Keith Hague's School of Evangelism. It is my first visit and I thank God for allowing me to begin the relationship.

This morning I flew into Lexington and went straight to an Assembly of God church in town. Arriving about midway through the service, we found our seats and sat down—just in time for the sermon. The pastor, Rev. Ken Gruen, gave a tremendous message on Revival, even playing a portion of a tape from J. Edwin Orr on the Welsh Revival.

Though I was very tired from the busy week, God really spoke to me. Listening to this, my favorite subject, really reminded me:

“You are called to be a revivalist. Do not neglect or modify your ministry. Fulfill it.”

*I received this from the Lord. It was a wonderful encouragement and faithful reminder.

+ Here at the school I've been pouring myself into the ministry and getting some rest. Today, during a brief walk around the property, I was again encouraged by God to keep moving on. Four guideposts stood out:

1. Stick to your calling
2. Set clear goals.
3. Be diligent.
4. Have faith.

+ Tomorrow I return to Washington to do just that.

Washington, D.C.

June 1, 1981

I have emerged through somewhat of a difficult period personally into an excited and expectant faith. Things are basically going well on the building, the outreach, and the arrival of our first child—now just a month away.

In prayer the other day God showed me that these three things are to be BORN at once during the month of July (the seventh month?). As we now gear up in faith to overwhelmingly conquer them, we will be gaining spiritual territory that we will never lose, and important territory that will give us authority in our ministry.

The impression from the Lord is that we have conquered Jericho and are now facing Ai. The “falling of this city” will give us access to the whole land, but we must be careful. There are some things that God is showing we must do.

*I am encouraged in my GOD to move forward.

Port Orchard, Washington

June 5, 1981

Back in Port Orchard to perform Jim and Gail Waller’s wedding. I arrived exhausted after a very strenuous week and being up 24 hours. This morning the Word of God was very rich to me as I spent time in the presence of the Lord. I want to make every hour of my time here count for Christ. He has given me a message. He also wants to refresh me and send me back with faith and perspective to our important **BIRTHING DAYS** in the nation’s capital.

*Lord Jesus, I rejoice in your love.

Washington, D.C.

June 15, 1981

Last night I arrived around midnight and went for a walk with the Lord around our condominium complex. During the time, God lifted me up to keep believing him at this important time in our lives. Specifically, he encouraged me to be a **Daniel or a Joseph in calling with the spirit of Jeremiah**.

- Daniel and Joseph were leaders who ministered to the top and bottom of their nations.
- Jeremiah had the broken heart and prophetic message.

June 19, 1981

Yesterday, Psalm 20 was given to me by a staff member as an encouragement from the Lord. It was again quickened to me today and contains so much encouragement!

Last night we had a **farewell time for Wendy Wiedenmeyer**. After being with us for over four years, God has wonderfully led her on into a new stage of life. Much answered prayer can be seen in this. Most of us wept deeply in seeing her go—but we were thankful for the years...She will always be a very special friend.

Last night I was able to be on Channel 66, the local Christian TV station, and it was very good. Today I am resting, doing some work at home, and believing God:

“to bring to birth and grant delivery.”

June 28, 1981

How appropriate are my words above! Today, at 5:43 am Nathan Ronald Boehme was born into our family weighing 8 pounds fourteen ounces and thrilling our souls.

We had gone to the hospital in Takoma Park, MD Saturday evening about 7 pm after Shirley’s water had begun to leak. At 8 pm they induced labor and by 2:30 am she had begun pushing. For the final hours, Shirley tried and tried to deliver the baby naturally. After much stress and the exhausting of nearly every means, Dr. Vinayakam decided to prepare for a Caesarean delivery but gave one last ditch effort. As a team of people gathered to help [the night shift now joined by the morning shift], one more attempt was made to bring forth the baby. As we prayed and prayed and prayed, suddenly he burst forth. Both Shirley and I wept as first the baby came forth naturally, and then as we saw that it was a boy.

So much symbolism had been involved here personally for me. God had shown me some months before that the birth of our child would foreshadow the birth of our ministry here. And as we prayed and Shirley travailed, in triumphant answer to believing and persevering prayer and diligence, the victory was won.

*God was saying to me that this is the same thing that would happen in our work—especially 133 C. Street. Through prayer and diligence...and right up until the last moment, the VICTORY WOULD BE WON. Now I must believe God.

Secondly, the arrival of Nathan was the total fulfillment of the word God had given to us—and especially to her—one year before:

*2 Kings 4:16 – “At this season next year you shall embrace a son.”

Shirley had clung to God’s promise and prevailed. HE HAD BEEN UTTERLY FAITHFUL.

+ The application of this was that in the same way our ministry here in Washington, D.C. was destined to be what God had promised. It was as sure as his word.

*Today was one of the greatest days of my life...After a very strenuous and oftentimes low period in my life, the Living God has come to me and once again affirmed me in his will. What he has spoken he will bring to pass. Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me!

July 19, 1981

Is having a baby and many other pressures reasonable grounds for neglecting a journal? I believe that it is! Experience has now taught me some lessons.

Yesterday was **Living Proof '81 with about 11,000 people coming to RFK Stadium** to hear Dee Dee Bridgewater, Deniece Williams, Philip Bailey, Jayne Kennedy, Pat Boone, Billy Davis Jr., Ray Parker, Marilyn McCoo and others share their faith in the Lord Jesus. God was wonderfully present at the event. As Dr. E.V. Hill forcefully gave the invitation at the end, hundreds of people streamed down to the field to learn more about Jesus Christ. After much difficulty and turmoil, God had made something beautiful.

We worked at taking down the stage and cleaning up the field until 4 pm. Wearily, I returned home, fell into bed and realized that **another great project now was history**.

After not having a good quiet time for weeks, I am a secure but needy fellow.

*We are now nearing the end of OUR PUSH, but still in travail. This was God's encouragement today:

“Behold your God will come with vengeance. The recompense of God will come. But He will save you” (Isaiah 35:4).

July 27, 1981

Mid-summer---1981. I've had many thoughts about the seriousness of the times that we live in and the great guilt of sin in our nation. In my own life, with the new responsibilities of being a parent and other factors, I find myself in somewhat of a “low time.” **I sure want my life to count for Christ in this world.** I'm in need of real personal renewal—one of zeal, prayer, evangelism and discipline. May I rise-up in God and conquer.

Chicago, Illinois

August 15, 1981

Today has been a meaningful day. A tiring number of days have gone by and this day finds me in Chicago for the national American for Jesus meetings and Chicago for Jesus.

Yesterday afternoon and last night, God began to quicken we personally over my need for renewal, return to my life of prayer, and having clear, humble and godly goals for my life. **Was privileged to be in meetings with Bill Bright, Lester Sumrall, John Gimenez, Demos Shakarian, Carl Lunquist and many others. The evening meeting was a dynamic session held at Moody Memorial Church on the lakefront.**

This morning as I sought God in my hotel room, the following two verses were strongly quickened to me (I am staying with Leland Paris here at the Congress Hotel). This was the word:

“Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily and you shall prophecy with them and be changed into another man. And it shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you” (1 Samuel 10:6,7).

*I took this as a direct loving word from God that:

- He would anoint me once again.
- And return to speaking his Word.
- Be totally personally renewed.
- That he trusted my judgment in the faith mountains of my life.
- **And the very best thing: THAT HE WAS WITH ME.**

*I praise and worship you, omnipotent Father for your great encouragement and renewing.

*There is also great excitement in my heart for the **America for Jesus direction** that has been set here. A national prayer resolution setting aside April 29th every year. A national leader's meetings in D.C. on April 29, 1982. Washington for Jesus II on April 29, 1984.

May God be honored and glorified.

Port Orchard, Washington

August 31, 1981

After a fruitful 8-9 days in Washington State, I am now in Texas. First a few highlights of the time in the Northwest.

***On Friday night the 21st about fifteen of us gathered together to share and pray about our ten-year high school reunion.** The next night we all had a tremendous time--sharing Christ with our classmates. I spent the entire evening going from person-to-person sharing the Gospel and trying to be sensitive to God. It was a time of grief in viewing the effects of sin and a time of mission in being lights for Jesus. I arrived home at about 1 am and in prayer God quickened these verses to me:

“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. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one, an aroma from death to death and to the other, from life to life” (2 Cor. 2:14-16).

+ Had some precious time with our now “grandparents” and friends.

Garden Valley, Texas

I arrived in Texas somewhat tired [for a YWAM North American Staff Conference], but still crying out to God to really revive my life. He has not disappointed me but has been doing a wonderful and refreshing work.

The first four days the ministry leaders spent together receiving special input as to what God is saying to YWAM at this time. Most of the sessions centered on management principles that we must bring into our mission to be able to properly handle the exponential growth of our ministry in the next 7-10 years.

God spoke to me deeply during this time about my own life and calling and our work in Washington, D.C.

*During a time of prayer, I received this interpretation of a tongue: “Be sure in Me and march forward. I will be with you. Things change in the universe, but I remain the same.”

Last night the North American Staff Conference began with Leonard Ravenhill speaking. He deeply challenged me to return to my first love of my prayer life and pursuit of real revival. God’s glaring encouragement to me was: “Do everything in light of eternity.”

*I am pressing in for personal revival and wanting to let my awakened heart direct my calling. Lead on, Lord Jesus.

September 6, 1981

A tremendous week has come and gone. For me it was a week of extremes—loneliness from being away from my family and great revelation and comfort through the messages and atmosphere.

This evening I spoke on the need for revival in America as a necessity for fulfilling the Great Commission. God spoke to me these words:

“I want to bring great revival to this nation. I have invested too much in its heritage and destiny to allow it to fall and die quickly. Its demise would bring great sorrow to my heart and much more extended time in my plan to evangelize the world. Hundreds of years would be required for another people to take its place.”

*What awesome and sobering words these are. More and more I understand God’s call at this hour for America, YWAM and my life.

Urbana, Illinois

September 9, 1981

Just finished a brief but good trip to Urbana, Illinois. Ministered all day yesterday and endeavored to encourage the YWAM brethren there [Bill and Susie Burtness and team]. They have a good burden and vision for the University of Illinois and its 35,000 students.

Dallas, Texas

Now back to Texas and then home. God gave me a few words to ponder today:

- Continue to renew your first love.
- Wait for and trust in me for your work.
- Be devoted to prayer.
- Become a soul-winner.

Washington, D.C.

September 12, 1981

Back home at last. God's encouragement today was Colossians 1:22,23 and the promise, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it."

September 24, 1981

We are in a difficult period of final travail to birth our 133 Ct. St. Center in Washington. Many pressures have come at us and at me personally during this time. A few days ago, we began a "Team Advance" retreat which I believe God has used to bring stability.

Two evenings ago, I really broke in front of the group, and God really used them to minister his love and encouragement to me. Last night we commissioned each other into the work that lies before us. I will not retreat but see God's work of revival established in the capital city and nation. This has been my comfort: "As many as are the promises of God they are YEA and AMEN in Christ Jesus."

October 10, 1981

It is Shirley's and my 5th wedding anniversary today. We have seen five years of God's faithfulness and a deepening of our love and commitment to each other. And this year we have the addition of Nathan—another of God's gifts.

God has given me much revelation over the past few weeks, but I have failed to record much of it. I am sorry for this. I know that my diligence in recording truth enhances its application in my life.

Two weeks ago, the Lord strongly encouraged me to begin having my morning devotional times on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol Building. What a rich blessing this has been! Starting my day, overlooking the city has only increased my burden for revival and allowed me the privilege of praying right from the seat of government.

I am really learning during this time to “count it all joy” in the middle of our tests of birthing C. Street and I have “set my face like a flint” and “will not be ashamed.”

*But, oh Lord my God—summon your power and strengthen my hands (Psalm 127:1,2).

October 22, 1981

A few days ago, God led us into a three-day time of fasting and praise to do warfare over our center. It was a tremendous time and was concluded with a session of praise and dedication in every room of the building and then a march of praise around it. God assured us that the victory was his. On the final night we spontaneously offered up to him a “book of remembrance” of all the miracles he has done for us over the past years (Malachi 4). What's now accomplished in heaven will be realized on earth.

A couple of days prior during my quiet time at the Capitol, God gave me a song out of Heb. 10:35-37. It has become my theme for these days of pioneering:

“So do not throw away your confidence which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance so that when you have done the will of God you may receive the promise. For yet in a very little while, he who is coming will come and not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith...” **The righteous will live by faith!**

*One revelation this morning: The goal of our ministry (which was the norm in the book of Acts) should be to see souls being saved daily. May we seek God for revival until this is truly the norm.

Garden Valley, Texas

October 26, 1981

I'm in Texas to speak at the DTS's. Had a very unusual divine appointment on my flight here yesterday as I sat by a Christian gentleman from San Antonio and had fellowship on some very high levels. God used it to remind me of how he is involved in the details of my life.

This morning out of Job 17:8 – “Nevertheless the righteous shall hold on to his way and he who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.”

Amsterdam, Holland

November 19, 1981

A little “catch up” is in order. Today Shirley and I and Nathan are in Holland in the beginning of the first week of a three-week speaking tour of Europe. Steve and Anita Herzig have come across from England to visit us, and all in all, our trip thus far has been good. Traveling always increase my world vision.

[One surprise beginning this trip was getting to the airport and realizing that 5 -month old babies might fly free in the USA but not on international flights. To our chagrin we had to unexpectedly buy a children's ticket for Nathan at the airport to go along with his baby picture on his first passport.]

Yesterday we visited the YWAM works in Amsterdam. It just happened to be the grand opening day of the Samaritan Inn and astronaut Jim Irwin was there to help dedicate some new neon signs that light up the top. The signs say (in Dutch) “God Calls You,” and “Jesus Loves You.” It's a badly needed testimony in a sinful city.

*Before we left the States, all our team met for an important meeting. I feel that our ministry in Washington, D.C., is in an important crucible stage of testing that will not be easy, but very important. That evening we dedicated ourselves to move through by the grace of God.

*My heart is somewhat in two places right now—here in Europe where I want to be faithful to God's calling to teach and preach the Word, but also in Washington, D.C. where I long to see the release of the establishment of our ministry. I must be diligent in prayer and believe in the promises of God.

Lausanne, Switzerland

November 23, 1981

We have arrived in Switzerland for my week here and I am just being “healed” of a cold that I picked up in Holland. It came on me just as I finished a good week of teaching there. (God has been so good to me. I have never in my life missed a ministry opportunity due to sickness—PTL.)

*God continues to encourage me to have endurance in all the things I’m believing him for right now. I really want to learn enduring faith. Lord, may I also be your voice of revival here in Switzerland. Stir my soul with your light that I may shine it brightly into the hearts of others. (I have been led in the evenings to meditate on Hebrews 10-13. Just what I need.)

December 5, 1981

Our week in Lausanne was a tremendous one. Much fear of God and conviction of sin came upon us as the Word was shared. A few times it led to high and mighty praise.

On Friday evening I spoke to an interdenominational Swiss fellowship about 45 minutes from the hotel (YWAM base) in the town of Yverdan. I was tired from ministering all week, but just before I spoke, God challenged me to preach as if it were the last time I would ever do so in Switzerland. With this encouragement a mighty anointing came upon me and I deeply exhorted the group out of 2 Chronicles 34 (Josiah) to believe God for revival in their city and nation. Much brokenness and prayer followed. The leader of the group teared up and kissed me five or six times as we left. How my burden for the nations has increased!

On Saturday we spent the afternoon with Bonnie Gloth [the owner of our condo in Arlington] and ended up taking a trip around Lake Geneva to L’Abri. Begun in 1954 by Dr. and Mrs. Francis Schaeffer, this small community of seven or eight chalets on the Swiss mountainside is still a “shelter” for Christian thinking and study. Francis Schaeffer was to speak that evening, but we were not able to stay. We barely beat the snow back to Lausanne!

In the morning it was a great joy to have breakfast with Don Stephens. I love and respect him very much. He shared with me many things God was teaching him through the Anastasis. They are having a very effective ministry in Greece with about 250 converts. Greece’s entire evangelical community numbers only about 7000-8000 believers.

Then we flew on the Germany.

Hurlach, Germany

I also had a very good week of ministry here. Many people wept and confessed sin and were changed by the revival teaching that was shared. On Thursday night—as I did in all three countries in obedience to the Lord—I shared on “Why God Has Been Merciful to America.” The Holy Spirit brought a tremendous response and all our hearts were really knitted together in the cause and method of world evangelism. I was also involved in quite a bit of counseling here, and God blessed those encounters. Rich times of sharing and fellowship were also had with Volker Embgen and Gunter Krallman—dear young men of God. Today we travelled by train to Hurlach and tomorrow we fly back to the United States.

*God has given me much exposure and revelation on this trip. To try and summarize it will help to bring it more clearly before my mind:

1. It was good to spend quality time with Shirley and Nathan. It was so right for us to take this trip together.
2. My burden is really increased for Europe. It would be important for our YWAM Washington, D.C. team to form a strong link with our European brethren--maybe involve our future schools in European SOS's. *God wants America and Europe united in his cause.
3. I need to pray very seriously about coming to the Mundial outreach next summer. Romans 15:24 was quickened to me one day.
4. God gave me the idea to invite YWAMers from the nations to come to D.C. on a short, rotating basis to share vision and minister in their embassies (invite the staff to our building).
5. I thought a lot about the “fruit” that we need to see in Washington to have authority in our work and then multiply it around the world.

Much precious lessons and much fruit. What a joy and privilege it is to serve my Great God and King!

[I will include below a sheet of paper in my journal that shows the topics that I chose to teach on in Holland, Switzerland and Germany—for historic reference.]

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* European School Teaching - 1981 *

<u>1. Holland</u>	<u>Morn</u>	<u>Even.</u>
M -	Character	Free character
T -	Character	Wages of Sin
W -	Character Footsteps of Revival	Free
Th -	Sundays	Wages of Sin America!
Fr -	America! / Recruit	Love Feast

<u>2. Switzerland</u>	<u>S - Character</u>	
M -	Character	Character
T -	Conscience	Conscience
W -	Conscience	Wages of Sin
Th -	[Humility Revival]	America!
Fr -	Recruit	Youth Group Josiah

<u>3. Germany</u>		
M -	Character	Character
T -	Character	Conscience
W -	Conscience	Wages of Sin
Th -	Josiah / Call to Revival	America!
Fr -	Quest. / Recruit	

- Oregon
1. Pride
 2. Wages of Sin
 3. Call to Revival
- recruit
 3. America!

Switzerland

* 4 French DTS's a year - Europe.

French SOE -

16 French — Theme — "Evangelism in Africa"
 11 Swiss — Fatherhood of God, Servanthood

* alternate weekends in outreach.
 * involved in workshops — mime, choreography, music, preaching,

— "Humility" — 7³⁰ — 8⁰⁰ — 9⁰⁰⁻³⁰

+ 15 hrs. —

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M	Character	Character.	M	Character
T	Conscience	Conscience.	T	Character Conscience
W	Conscience	Wages of Sin.	W	Conscience Wages of Sin Conscience
Th	[Revival]	America.	Th	Revival Conscience America. Wages of Sin
Fr.	Recruit	Youth Group	Fr.	Recruit

Salem, Oregon

December 10, 1981

I am now in Salem, Oregon teaching at the YWAM base after some full, hectic days back home.

God has told me to be “swift and beautiful for him.” I only have a couple of days, but that I am to powerfully and quickly expose the hearts of the students and then bring healing.

God also reminded me this afternoon of something he had shown me by revelation in Europe:

- I had seen revival in my own life—1974
- I had seen revival in a small group [Port Orchard] in 1975.
- I have labored and seen revival in a church [RT]—1979.

*I am now to set my sights on a city—Washington, D.C.--and “guard the treasure that has been entrusted to me” (2 Timothy 1:4).

*God moved in a wonderful way here at the Salem school Washington, D.C.—. I feel a special “tie” and kinship with the base. (And they were led by God to give me \$500. This was so special because it was the same amount exactly that God had told Shirley and I to give away three days before! God is perfect in his ways...

Tacoma, Washington

December 19, 1981

All last week I spoke at the YWAM school in Tacoma, and again the Spirit of God visited us in great conviction of sin, the fear of God and an outpouring of his love. By the end of the week I was truly exhausted after five straight weeks of preaching—over 80 one-hour sermons in 35 days.

But, “that is only what I ought to have done was an unworthy slave of Christ.”

*Had a wonderful quiet time this morning, especially reading out of John 5 and 6. The Word says that Jesus did only the things he saw the Father doing. God didn’t tell Jesus what to do—he did it—and Jesus followed suit. What a tremendous glimpse this gives us of God’s real and dynamic operation in human history, and how we can follow him.

*A week or so ago marshal law was declared in Poland. It is an ominous time in history, especially in Europe. God has led me to pray everyday for the situation. My prayer is that the lamp of liberty would burn brightly in the hearts of the people, never to be extinguished by human force.

Port Orchard, Washington

December 22, 1981

Sunday morning, I spoke to the combined Sunday schools at First Christian Church in Port Orchard. Though God used the time and many people said they had been edified, I really felt a lack of anointing. Afterwards, God spoke to me: “In churches where there is the least of the Spirit, I must have the greatest preparation and prayer before my messages.”

*I had been cutting corners in this and needed to repent. Thank you, Father, for always being the perfect teacher and the One who forgives all my sins.

*This morning I was really seeking God after somewhat of a discouraging day yesterday. The enemy has really been attacking me over my failures in leadership in Washington, D.C. and some of the tests we are experiencing there.

God’s Word for me was very comforting. First, he promised me that “He who had begun a good work in me would complete it” (Phil. 1:6). Next, he reminded me out of John 12:24,27,28 that it is a necessity that we go through a death of sorts at this time, but that we must press on in our purpose and know that God will glorify his Name.

Now is not the moment to draw back. I will not—by his grace.

December 30, 1981

Yesterday I spent all day planning and organizing for the coming year. I’m now 28 years old and bursting with ideas as to how I must serve Christ and be fruitful for him. Only his matchless grace can produce anything good in my life.

Today I sought the face of God on some things, and his comfort to me was one of general affirmation of my direction and a sense of encouragement to stably move on. His words to me and our ministry seemed to hinge around four simple thoughts and three external words:

1. Put your house in order—referring to our D.C. work.
2. Bear fruit – seen as primary thrust.
3. Persevere in faith – in the test we’re in.
4. Multiply in number, adding members to the team.

The three words were FAITH (trust), HOPE (optimism) and LOVE (revived hearts).

*I also prayed about attending the Spain Mundial outreach and had John 13:3,4 quickened to me. Seems to be a second confirmation, and I felt we were to go as a family. Praise the Lord for this leading.