

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1982

My Numbered Days – January 1982 (Ps. 90:12)

- My Calling - To revival, United States, world missions
- Function - Prophet, Lead YWAM D.C., 133 C Street, Leaders
- Scriptures

PRAYERFUL ACTIONS

1. See C Street to completion & finances.
2. Begin government ministry.
3. Get to know the city.
4. Preach and teach.
5. Set personal 7-year course.
6. Oversee ministry – seven-year plan.
7. Finish ministry foundations – literature and board of reference.
 - a. Management – PR image and fund-raising.
8. Recruit.

GOALS FOR 1982

1. Prayer - 2 hours a day - specific objects.
2. Study - 6 books a year/ 4 hours of “updating” a week.
3. Family - See miracle release of a home/Establish credit.
4. Ministry- Preaching & Teaching – 7 weeks out of the year – 1 a mo. In D.C.
5. Evangelism & Missions
 - a. Three solid converts – share 45 minutes a day
 - b. Spain outreach?
 - c. Trip with Loren Cunningham?
6. Relationships – visit seventy ministers (pastors in the D.C. area) & seventy govt. leaders.

Washington, D.C.

January 14, 1982

An awesome year it will be—but a hopeful one for the advance of the Gospel.

It is nice to be back in the capital. This is an important year of completion, faith, multiplication, and fruit-bearing for us. We are setting a lot of goals and believing God to help us meet them.

A “Valley Forge” experience it is going to be at 133 C. Street. We have no heat and are just making due--with a few foot heaters and a kerosene heater. The building continues to be our great object of faith. But we are not focusing on it but on Christ and bearing fruit for him.

Yesterday was a tragic day in the city with the crash of a Boeing 737 airliner into the 14th Street bridge and the derailment of a subway train near the Smithsonian. In all, probably 75 people were killed.

I was just returning from C. Street when the plane crashed. In fact, we had just crossed the very bridge just minutes before in a swirling snowstorm when the incident took place. We heard the plane hit the bridge—sounded like a huge back-firing of a car—but didn’t know what had happened. About a half a mile up on the Virginia side, see saw cars pull off and look back toward the 14th St. Bridge. Turning on the radio, we learned of the tragic crash.

We are now praying that life will come out of death.

The past few days the story of Jacob “striving” with God has been an encouragement to me to do the same in all we are believing God for.

Jacob wrestled, gave up all, hung on (though limping) and received the blessing. What a tremendous lesson to learn.

*On January 12 we had a very significant meeting of pastors and Christian leaders regarding Washington For Jesus in the center of the city. God greatly anointed the meeting—and the off-shoot may be a city-wide eldership being raised up to direct things for the coming years. Praise the Lord we’re moving ahead.

January 26, 1982

I’m reading now in Exodus and being blessed by the example of God’s dealings with Israel. Blessing and testing is the constant cycle. It is the way of the Christian life.

On January 22 we once again participated with thousands of people in the annual Right to Life March. May it be the last one!

God showed me a few days ago that we are truly experiencing our death of a vision right now. This is death to: vision, ministry, reputation, relationships, finances and self.

Painful, but oh so necessary.

Garden Valley, Texas

February 15, 1982

Weeks have gone by with great neglect of my journal. Lord, I am sorry. I'm so thankful that your love and care is so much more consistent than my ability to write it down. Here are some highlights:

1. A couple of weeks ago our team had a tremendous time of brokenness and renewed vision for revival following the listening of Dr. Earl Morey's tape "God Rend the Heavens and Come Down!" Personally, I deeply once again committed myself to the calling of revival.
2. Participated in the National Prayer Breakfast and the NRB Convention. President Reagan spoke at both and each was tremendous.
3. Things have also been "breaking loose" in the WFJ movement and soon we are to move full steam ahead in the metropolitan area. We must press in: "A divided church cannot minister to an increasingly united world."

Shirley and I (and Nathan) are now in Texas for a week. Last night, at the family night service, I spoke from my heart on "Unity." Now to believe God for an anointing which will minister to the students I am speaking to. Amen, Lord Jesus!

Washington, D.C.

March 8, 1982

I have neglected my journal once again and need to really break a habit of being too busy to write. I know it is just a matter of priorities, and so I determine to change and carry on the valuable form of recording the highlights of my earthly walk with Christ.

A week or so ago we had the privilege of having Loren Cunningham in town for a week and I really enjoyed the time spent with him. He really challenged me by his example to have God's principles in everything that I do. We drove together down to Virginia Beach where he was on the 700 Club and then also were in meetings with him at Halpine Church. It is wonderful to imitate the life of a great man of God.

On Wednesday February 24th we assembled a group of ministers and friends to submit our ministry and especially the completion of our 133 C. Street facility to their counsel and advice. God spoke to me out of John 12:24:

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it does, it brings forth much fruit.”

This was the first step in seeing an advisory board group of men raised up who will help us to not “stand alone” and move forward victoriously in our work. Because of the very nature of our calling, I felt that God wanted to endear our hearts together through this “**death of a vision**” that we are experiencing. The Spirit of God is indicating to me that we are about to move into the upswing of our release into fruit-bearing.

And while this is going on, God is doing much in my life. I believe that I feel about as insecure in ministry and afraid that I will fall short of God’s maximum for my life right now as at any other time. God has really been dealing with me a lot about cowardice and lack of fruit in evangelism as a major part of this, and I am seeking him. **It is a humbling, insecure, “leadership pain” time in my life and I want to draw near to God and come to KNOW HIM AND HIS WAYS.** He will be my God, even to death.

Charlestown, West Virginia

On Friday and Saturday, **I ministered at the Agape Force Regional Conference in Charlestown, West Virginia. Learned a lot about this aggressive, young evangelistic band. Spoke on “Why is God Being Merciful to America?” and “One—That the World May Be Loved and Won.”** Was a good response.

Urbana, Illinois

Then I flew home for about sixteen hours and then back to Urbana, Illinois where I am speaking for a few days.

*One other mention: Shirley and I are looking very seriously for our own home. We will need many miracles and much revelation, but we feel it is the Lord’s will. And NOTHING is too hard for him!

Washington, D.C.

March 19, 1982

As we move into springtime here in Washington, D.C. I am very much aware of my need for a personal reviving. God has been so good to us—and to me. At the same time his gentle hand has been dealing with me. I need greater prayer, time spent in getting his messages and word for the hour, greater boldness and fruit in evangelism. Psalm 37 has been such a strengthening word.

New Hampshire, Maine & New Jersey

March 31, 1982

A few days ago, Shirley and I (and Nathan) returned from a very good but also wearying trip to New England. All week long I spoke at the Concord SOE on “The Kingdom of God” and the rest of the time we tended to our very sick baby boy who had come down with a chest cold, fever, and infections. Od brought us all through.

We finished the trip with a jaunt to North Windham, Maine to preach (after two-and-a-half years) in a church where we had a very successful crusade. Much fruit remains. Praise the Lord! I ministered on “Unity” and God blessed the service. Adra and Nancy Lovley provided us with wonderful hospitality and fellowship. We then visited our friends the Pinajians on the way home in New Jersey.

Washington, D.C.

Now we are home and back to work. There are many pressures and responsibilities. Following my recent 29th birthday, I have had such a sense of the shortness of life and wanting mine to count for eternity. Next year I turn 30—the year that Jesus had finished preparing for his life’s work. Am I ready? Have I allowed the Lord to prepare me totally for my life’s destiny?

This verse was strongly quickened to me this morning: “Build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this stronghold in an orderly manner (Judges 6:26).

April 17, 1982

In less than two weeks the Washington For Jesus Leadership Conference will be taking place in the city. All our efforts are now pointed toward it, and I know that the continuing

momentum of awakening in our nation is somewhat linked to either its success or failure. Personally, I am praying every day and deeply desiring that God will be honored.

After April 29th, I believe I must turn my attention back to 133 C. Street and the establishment of our ministry. We are still in a very crucial time and I have found myself being confused, worried, and up-and-down, and very introspective. As I noted above, I feel as if I'm in the final testing period of my life, a time of important maturing and preparation for the most important years of my life and calling. Jesus spent until the age of 30 getting ready for his historic 3-4-year mission. How much more do we have the same need!

*In my quiet time this morning the Lord impressed me to consider going on a long fast beginning in May to prepare for ministry and labor with strength in the birth of our work. Lord, I am excited and open.

*Was also impressed to consider stopping off in Ohio this summer to visit relatives and family roots. I will pray about this.

I have such a deep desire right now in my life to really grow up in my Christian life. Boldness and confident authority are a few characteristics I am really seeking. Ny wonderful Lord will continue to be my guide unto death.

April 21, 1982

I am being so blessed by reading the life of King David. What a sparkling man of God. Out of his humility came:

- Courage, boldness, integrity, praise, endurance, and non-vindictiveness.

[After nearly ten years of keeping my journal on lined paper in a notebook, for the next five years I shortened my entries—probably due to all I was going through in this time of my life—and began writing in my yearly YWAM Prayer Journal which I helped to form. The yearly Scripture reading schedule came from my “Twenty Minutes a Day” devotional I had picked up and begun using in New Zealand in 1972.]

[My Prayer Journal writings include various events and names January to April that I will briefly include here to remind myself what was going during those busy four months.]

JANUARY

- 1-8 Met with Ray MacAnanny, Gary Bergel (IFA), and Tom Hess.
- 10-16 Met with Joe Dobrick and served Washington for Jesus meetings.

- 17-23 Met with Dick Halverson (Senate chaplain), Rev. Ernest Gibson, and attended the Right to Life March.
- 24-30 WFJ Meetings and Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship Intl, C.J. Mahaney.

FEBRUARY

- 1-- Weddings – “God has established a standard—we must lead the bride and groom to understand that it is only to Him that they will be accountable, not their words.”
- 2-- Met with Congressman Mark Siljander and Gary Bergel in the Capitol Dining Room.
- 3-- Attended the National Prayer Breakfast, VIP luncheon and Urban Seminar.
- 7-- Attended the NRB “America for Jesus” presentation at the Hilton Hotel.
- 9-- Fasted and prayed with Tom Tarrants.
- 11-- Did tours of the capital with Tom Hess and some NRB guests.
- 14-20 **Teaching in Texas.**
- 22-- Washington for Jesus meetings in Richmond, VA.
- 23 Met with John Staggers and Tom Hess.

MARCH

- 5-7 Spoke at Agape Force Regional Conference in Charlestown, West Virginia.
- 8 Spoke in Urbana, Illinois.
- 11 Call Manuel Palau (progress report on fund-raising for C. Street).
- 15 WFJ and Loren Cunningham meeting – Evangel Temple.
- 30 WFJ service and Prayer Committee meeting, Gaithersburg, MD.

APRIL

- 4 Preaching at the “Tabernacle” – John Coleman

- 6 Met with Bill Murray – son of Madalyn Murray O’Hair.
- 7 National Awakening Meeting – Pentagon.
- 8 Atheist Prayer Vigil – near the White House.
- 26 Dialogue with a think-tank – Fellowship House.

Washington, D.C.

April 28, 1982

Shared in wonderful WFJ conference. God is increasing the level of unity in the Church, God also showed us the wonderful authority he has given to take this nation for Jesus. There are about 2000,3000 attending the conferences. Numbers were disappointing but the word of the Lord was clear.

Now we are planning to have a “World for Jesus” in the summer of 1984 to bring the Body of Christ together to call upon God. There is much to ponder and seek God about.

May 4, 1982

*1 Chronicles 18: 6 – And the Lord helped David wherever he went.”

It’s wonderful to be out again on the west steps of the Capitol for my devotional time with God. My burden for this city and nation increases and I want to be faithful to pray and act for Christ.

Today (April 6) is a nationally proclaimed Day of Prayer by President Reagan. We are interceding in the morning and at noon on the Capitol steps. Today’s reading is very appropriate. David’s sin against God and repentance in Psalm 51.

WE MUST MAKE TODAY A DAY OF REPENTANCE.

We scheduled our first staff retreat in three years at the Christian Life Center out past Leesburg, MD. Was a tremendous time of fellowship and recreation (volleyball) and ministry to one another.

God clearly led us to be ministered to and be healed. On Saturday night his Spirit came down on us and we ministered to one another for about five hours. Word of wisdom and knowledge freely flowed. At the end, we knew we had been met by God.

[Stapled into my Prayer Diary is a lengthy encouragement from Bev Riedesel out of 1 Chronicles 22:11-16 that goes on for pages. It ends with these words, “May Jesus encourage you today, Ron.” Thank you, Bev.]

Had a special Mother's Day celebration at the retreat and then we returned home. We were glad in God, rejuvenated spiritually and exhausted physically! Father, thank you for your precious ministry among us. It was wonderful to just be your kids.

May 16, 1982

In this week's Prayer Diary, there is this quote by R.A. Torrey: "We are too busy to pray, so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little; many services but few conversions; much machinery but few results." I want to take heed to this warning and covenant to be a man of prayer.

I was led to attend Washington Community Fellowship this morning (Rev. Myron Augsburger) and appreciated it very much. In the evening, Shirley and I had a good conversation about communicating more together. I am committing myself to:

- Share with her weekly my schedule.
- Make no decisions without her regarding family plans.

This week I need strength and grace to rise up in God! It was been a good, busy week. We are in somewhat of a transition now as we plan and prepare for the summer months. God has given us some clear priorities.

1. 133 C. Street
2. Ministry Foundations
3. Bearing Fruit in People's Lives.

*In my own life, God has been challenging me so deeply in the area of evangelism. I must be reaching out to people more and realizing converts and disciples in my life.

We are moving ahead with our "receptions (fund-raising) until the latter part of June. We simply need the blessing of God and the help of the Body of Christ. It is such an important time in our ministry right now! Make or break. Because of this, I believe the Lord is leading me to go on along fast in June. I am seeking I am about this.

Shirley and I have begun to pray for the 200 nations of the world together. We cover four a week using the Prayer Diary as well as the good material in Operation World. I really want this to be a family exercise that will encourage all of us to have a burden for the world—which is our field.

As a family we took a day trip this week to Pope's Creek Farm, the birthplace of George Washington. It is a lovely property on the Potomac. George Washington's strength of character came from the backdrop of a godly family. Quite a lesson is here.

May 23, 1982

“Yet with respect to the promise of God he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith giving glory to God” (Romans 4:20).

*I can apply this, Father, to the test of faith in our ministry right now. I STAND ON IT. Thank you for this relaxing Lord’s Day. I am being refreshed.

I spent about twelve hours today with Joy Dawson, praying, sharing revelation, and witnessing together. What a powerful time with a wonderful woman of God. She’s greatly affirmed me, and we have begun to build a tremendous friendship. Here are some tidbits:

1. She strongly exhorted me to be “balanced prophet” like Daniel, David or Jeremiah.
2. I must completely mold me life on Jesus.
3. She spoke to all our staff in the evening.

+ Was a tremendous time of vision and encouragement. We are going to have a close relationship. What a blessing—Today it’s on to live the life of Jesus.

It has been a good week during a very important time in our ministry. After five months of a “holding pattern” and assorted temptations, God seems to be breathing new life into us, and I sense it too in my own life. In evangelism, I really sense that a new era and emphasis is opening both for the ministry and for me.

Today (Saturday) while Shirley and I were shopping, God gave me opportunities to witness to two people, and it came with such joy. God showed me that any boredom or unfulfillment in life comes from a lack of daily dynamism in witness. A bold daily witness can never leave you bored! What an important truth.

We are now using a daily time sheet which greatly encourages witnessing and discipling. It is time to be BOLD and FRUITFUL.

*We had some wonderful fellowship and sharing of relationship with Lynn Green on his way back to the United Kingdom.

May 30, 1982

Was a tremendously busy week with many visitors to share with and meetings to attend. All of this prevented me from giving too much time to the journal. I will make up somewhat now.

One great blessing was the arrival of Jim and Gail Waller to join our staff. Jim, specifically, is a real answer to prayer as he will take over much of the administration of our work—which is personally by greatest need right now. God has prepared him seen years for this,

and I really believe he and I will have a real “Nathan and David” relationship. Our burdens and drives are so similar and yet our gifts are complimentary. God is so faithful in his gifts of people.

It continues to be an awesome time in history as Great Britain and Argentina are at war in the Falkland Islands and Israel has invaded southern Lebanon. The God of all the earth is arising to consummate history and we stand on tip-toe and await his glory.

One thing I want to praise him for is the movie “Chariots of Fire” which we have now taken some people to see. It’s a thrilling testimony of a Scottish missionary named Eric Liddell who runs for God and wins a gold medal at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris. It contains a wonderful display of his character and convictions in Christ. It was also chosen movie of the year!

God is invading every arena of life [including the entertainment world]. I press on to be my part here in Washington, D.C.

June 7, 1982

Ephesians 4:21 says that “truth is in Jesus.” What a wonderful idea! My focus must always be the Person of Jesus, as in Him: “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3).

Had a wonderful devotional time on the Capitol steps this morning. How I long to be wise like Solomon, but pure so I won’t corrupt that wisdom. Lord – use me today as a wise man that can astutely honor and glorify you.

During this week it was good to have Dave and Ellen Saavedra with us. Though we are tired from the busy schedule and the many guests we’ve had over the past few weeks, we did have a good time sharing and being together.

On Friday our entire team went out to Andrews Air Force base to welcome President Reagan on the tarmac back from Europe. It was an exiting occasion [and I have a great picture of it holding Nathan in the air].

Powhatan, Virginia

On Saturday we traveled down to the James River west of Richmond to look at a beautiful property called St. Francis de Sales, or Rockcastle. [We heard about it from a phone call from Dr. Earl Morey, a Presbyterian pastor in Richmond.]

In my entire life, I have never seen such a well-designed facility that would be perfect for a YWAM community or DTS-SOE. It was incredible. Spacious, well-kept, ample rooms and facilities for hundreds—just a beautiful property.

It would be very easy just to simply desire it. Lord Jesus—your word must be very clear to us and I look for it expectantly.

*I am very tired and under a heavy workload. Father--renew me in your strength and accomplish what concerns me.

Washington, D.C.

June 13, 1982

During the middle of this week I came down with a cold, but the Lord was faithful to raise me up. **Not once-in-my life has disease ever prevented me from ministering.** And this can only be attributed to the wonderful grace of God.

On Thursday evening at our fellowship dinner we had the privilege of having **Bob Mathieu of D.C. Christian Ministries.** He gave a powerful message on **cross cultural evangelism** out of John 4 and God particularly spoke to me about the following: While Jesus was interested in the multitudes, he invested his life in a few as the best way to reach the masses.

I have been involved in so many “big projects” for so long that I have lost sight of the need to really disciple one or a few as Jesus did to really multiply fruit.

*This really struck me by revelation. It sure would be good for me to read once again *The Master Plan of Evangelism* and put the principles into practice. Amen, Lord Jesus.

+ Had a good time of confession, reading and prayers with Shirley. I really need some breakthroughs in strengthening Shirley’s walk in Christ.

June 20, 1982

It was a very good and busy week. I felt vulnerable through much of it as there are many decisions to be made and mountains to climb. I can only do it through his grace.

We began our special “receptions” this week and God truly anointed them. Numbers were not great, but God was. I ponder this much and am getting some insights. More than anything I am learning to rest in and lean on my Savior.

Virginia Beach, Virginia

On Wednesday I traveled down to Virginia Beach for a very important WFJ meeting with the National Planning Committee at CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network). It was a sobering time of really analyzing the need of the nation and agonizing over the responsibility of doing another rally in '84. I was on the verge of tears for much of the meeting as I sensed the greatness of the issues at stake. In the end, it was decided upon that we MUST come back to the capital city on April 28, 1984 to call upon God.

Many of the great men and women of God who attended gave some stirring insights. I was especially impressed with the wisdom of Bill Bright and the knowledge of Pat Robertson. I felt like a Joshua among "Moses" and wanted to take good notes!

Leland Paris and Dave Swarr and I then visited the Rockcastle property and prayed that God would guide us regarding its use. I have begun to pray and feel fairly positive right now.

Oh, how I need God right now in my life and how we need him at this juncture in history! He must rend the heavens and come down. Amen.

Washington, D.C.

June 27, 1982

*The Lord showed me on Monday morning how I need to alter my routine and truly begin the day with him. Instead of running first and showering, I will earnestly seek him first and then fit in the other only as I am able. This will allow me to give him my best first and lengthier time to that which benefits my soul.

*Today is Nathan's 1st birthday. How I thank God today for the wonderful gift of our son, Nathan!

+ 2 Tim.4:5 as a "destiny Scripture" was again quickened to me today. I set my heart to fulfill it.

I'm reading the book of Amos—a book of warning and of justice. God speaks to me through it to carry the grief of the sin of my nation wept for a long time for my people—and to be a voice of truth.

We've been experiencing some small crowds at our YWAM Receptions in the Washington area. This would be discouraging if the Lord hadn't spoken to me: "Be faithful. I am not constrained to save by many or by few."

We finished our special YWAM thrust as the crowds continued to grow and the anointing increased. They were a blessing to be involved in and I believe that God was honored by them.

Over the weekend I was able to catch up on my rest and this was very needed. I have begun to have my quiet time first in the morning and then go running afterwards. I was convicted that it needed to be GOD FIRST and then the other things. I also want to gradually work up to getting up at 5 am. This will be conducive for calling upon God.

July 4, 1982

I preached this morning at the Ryland-Epworth United Methodist Church and God blessed the word. In the evening about five of us gathered to read and meditate on our history and to pray for America. It was a spiritual 4th of July.

Powhatan, Virginia

Today all our staff and a few others traveled to Rockcastle to visit the 550-acre property that is being offered to us for use. Had a beautiful day of “vision” and fellowship—with a picnic together on the grounds. Oh, how we must hear from heaven on this.

Washington, D.C.

Now we head into another week with faith that must grow, and many more miracles be seen. I feel very weak, but I know that is good. It allows my STRONG GOD to receive all the glory and to manifest his life through me.

It has been a good week of accomplishment in different areas. At times I have felt very weak but know that I must persevere in faith and keep marching.

Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania

This weekend we are in Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania—Mennonite and Amish country—where I am speaking to a few groups. We are staying with the Joe Hess family who have nine children, or which four have been in YWAM. At first, I wasn't sure why God had brought us here, but then I realized that numbers or setting has nothing to do with the will of God.

*I spoke with all my heart to these precious people for whom Christ died. Shirley and I also enjoyed very much being “on the farm” and enjoying the tranquility of the setting.

Today I spoke to the team going to Germany and then we toured the settlements of the Amish. These people are descendants of the Anabaptists who followed a man who broke away from the Mennonites. We attended the Mt. Joy Mennonite Church and **I spoke in the morning and evening to the youth.** There was a good response to the messages, though somewhat quiet. We drove home in the evening.

Washington, D.C.

July 12, 1982

It was a good day of rest after a busy and fruitful weekend. There is so much I must seek the Lord about and so many “miracles” we need to see in our work and ministry.

This will be a good and busy week of activities in Washington.

Summer Impact '82 is going well, this year highlighted by the ministry of David Wilkerson and World Challenge. I would say there have been about 30-50 conversions a day that are taking place as God convicts of sin and the Word is powerfully preached in the open air.

We saw \$12,000 come in this week for 133 C. St. Praise the Lord as we believe Him to move us ahead.

Friday Nick Savoca and Keith Hague and I visited the Rockcastle property as well as Bellmead (the boys school complex). We had a tremendous time and really prayed that God would reveal his will. I had felt specifically to call Keith and fly him in to pray about him coming to help with the leadership of the property. Now we must really pray.

It's now Saturday and I'm down at the Capitol for some quiet time. **I've been really impressed to make some changes in our family devotional life together**—and was led to Deuteronomy 11:18,19.

*Lord, help me to build a strong and loving family for your glory! God has showed me that as a family we must be involved daily in some form of Bible devotion, prayer, intercession, meditation and/or study. What's true for our personal lives—these needs—is also true for our family life.

I've really enjoyed being involved in the summer outreach this week. On Friday I spoke to the outreach participants on “The Church in the 1980s” and then went out. **On Saturday Shirley and Nathan and I went out for the first time witnessing together** as a family—EVER. It was a blessing.

Generally, we've found the people of the inner city very receptive to the Gospel and very easy to engage in conversation. We've continued to learn a lot about street ministry that we really desire to carry on.

*Personally, I'm feeling the fatigue time of the summer. Praise the Lord a time of refreshing is coming soon in Washington State! I'm greatly excited about seeking His face in solitude during that time. I believe a week will do.

*Various decisions are before us as a ministry right now:

1. God's will regarding the Rockcastle property.
2. Moving ahead at 133 C. Street.
3. Inner city follow-up (to summer ministry).
4. Finishing our foundations.

May our Wonderful God clearly guide us through them all!

July 25, 1982

As I sought God at the beginning of this week, he instantly gave me a revelation of his hand and destiny in the story of African-Americans.

Here is the vision:

1. That God had allowed black people to come to America as slaves to escape the poverty of Africa and embrace the Gospel.
2. Their sufferings were like what Joseph suffered. "God meant it for good"—that they might participate in America's destiny of propagation.
3. They were also a type of Christ in his suffering and subsequent glory.
4. They were destined to be molded into a peculiarly religious people that would explode out into the world in missions.

+ Their destiny is yet to be fulfilled.

*We spent a special season tonight praying for God's guidance regarding the offer of the St. Frances de Sales/Rockcastle property for our ministry. After 2-3 hours, God clearly led us to understand that it WAS his will and that we were to move forward. The attached sheet shares all the ways in which the Lord spoke to us.

With awe and gratefulness, we confidently and cautiously move forward into the negotiations. We prayed over all aspects of those deliberations and are looking for God's full and total blessing.

*Found out today that Keith Green and eleven others died last night in an unfortunate plane accident. He was 28 years old and two of his children died also. Death is so sobering...I cried a couple of times as I listened to some of his songs and the news bulletins throughout the day. I also rested in God's sovereignty and undisputable love.

+ Oh, to make our lives count for Christ! Life is so short—eternity is so long.

On Saturday we had a good workday at 133 C. Street. Slowly but surely, we will see it built for the glory of God.

August 1, 1982

The week started with a good day as a family at home after attending morning services at the National Evangelical Free Church. I am enjoying getting out in the mornings for my quiet times and this morning was really led to affirm my commitment to having three quiet times a day. By God's grace, I must not let this slip.

Now I'm writing from one of my favorite places—an airplane. Shirley and Nathan and I are on our way to the Pacific Northwest. It wasn't easy leaving Washington, D.C. So much is happening in our ministry and so many decisions are being made that I was barely able to get away. However, expansion in ministry is an exciting problem to have.

I'm really looking forward to some physical and spiritual rest. I know that I need it as we continue to face the pioneering mountain-climbing times of our lives. I wouldn't want it any other way.

*We've recently been offered to rent the 139 C. Street property near our building (also owned by Alejandro Palau). In prayer, I have felt it is God's will for us to have it. It is only a matter of time and miracles.

Port Orchard, WA

*Had my quiet time on the beach in Port Orchard this morning and thanked God for my roots. As I read stories of King Josiah, I committed myself to be a Josiah of my generation. I also interceded fervently, as led by the Spirit, against the evil of abortion.

This has been a very restful time so far. Next week I'm greatly looking forward to fasting and praying for three days to draw near to my God. There is such a hunger in my soul to be with Him and be satisfied only with His Presence.

August 8, 1982

This week, beginning on Monday morning, I have set aside to seek God's face and to do some writing. So far, it was been sweet.

From the beginning, God showed me to focus on plain and simply KNOWING HIM. I was led to Exodus 33:11-15, "that I may know You." This was the cry of Moses and it is the cry of my own heart.

For nearly three years now I have been busy DOING. God now wants to bring a refreshing to my life and re-focus on the most important thing—knowing Him. Much praise and adoration are flowing from my lips.

This morning as I prayed and sang, God strongly nudged me to set my heart to be a modern-day Jeremiah. There are so many parallels and such a deep desire in my heart to know God the way Jeremiah did. I will continue to fast and pray.

What an enjoyable week! I have continued to write, and in between times, I have prayed and sung God's praises. No heavy revelation has been given—just sweet communion in the knowledge of God.

Today I was reminded of the reality of Jeremiah 23:24: “but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me (here's the theme again), that I am the God who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness, for I delight in these things...”

I was also led to meditate in Ephesians. God told me to “climb the heights of the knowledge of Him.” As I read the text, I again realized that we must first climb to know Him—then we go into battle. These are precious and primary revelations.

*Lord Jesus, you have re0kindled a deep desire within me to KNOW YOU. To know first and then to do. Thank you for your precious reminder.

August 16, 1982

*God spoke to me this morning regarding our ministry in the Washington, D.C. area: We must bring to birth all the dimensions and then realize revival in all the areas.

We have been spending this week with my parents. Nathan has enjoyed his Grandpa and Grandma Boehme and we are glad to this. The generations are so important to one another.

Unfortunately, there has been some strain among us due to some relationship problems and unwillingness to come completely clean from sin. It's caused a lot of tension and anxiety that has certainly hurt the Lord.

*Through all this, Father, I want to keep my heart pure and clean. I've realized how important it is to always put on the armor of God—and to be on guard against the schemes of the devil. There is never a moment to “relax” while the enemy is prowling about. Help me to remember this, my Lord and my God. I want to hate the world and its sin and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

*Had a tremendous evening with about 30 of our friends at the folk's house. There was a wonderful spirit of love and reconciliation present. Our friendships in Christ are to grow deeper in Christ. Not diminish.

August 22, 1982

*This is our last week of vacation and that means much time with people in **counseling and fellowship**. I gave a report to the Harper congregation in the evening service. Afterwards, I really repented for not preparing myself well in prayer. That is a lesson that I must learn as a way of life.

This evening we brought together about 20 of our most supportive friends to begin forming a “Missionary Support Team” The idea was very well received and in December we will take some firm steps forward. “All of your ways, Lord, are firm, stable, and true.”

Our time in the Pacific Northwest will come to an end this Friday. I can honestly say that it has been one of the most refreshing times of my life—tremendous from the standpoint of quality fellowship.

On Friday night I took an hour’s walk with God along the waterfront late in the evening. The Holy Spirit led me to meditate on the wonder of God’s leading my life from this place—Port Orchard, Washington:

1. My “conception” on Sidney Street [just a few blocks away).
2. My birth into this world in Bremerton, across the water.
3. Being raised on Lidstrom Hill, which I could see in the distance.
4. Going to school at South Kitsap—also in view.
5. Then led out to serve Jesus in the world!

How wonderful and totally fulfilling it is to know God’s plan for your life. I once again re-dedicated my myself to God’s calling.

Los Angeles, California

August 28, 1982

*Today we flew to Los Angeles for a YWAM Conference on the Anastasis. It is going to be a great blessing and time of fellowship. We arrived in California on Saturday afternoon and came on board the **YWAM ship, the M/V Anastasis (“Resurrection” in Greek) for the beginning of the North American Staff Conference**. What followed was a powerful four days of fellowship, vision, and the word of the Lord. I will try to highlight and summarize:

1. God’s calling to concentrate our efforts in the nation of **Guatemala** was very clear. In January and February of ’83 we will launch a large thrust into that nation that we must determine prayerfully our involvement in.

2. Through Loren, we were greatly challenged to again focus strongly on our call to evangelism and especially our anointing of **raising up short-term workers**. Luke 10 was the chapter expounded. In our work we must focus more on raising up SOSers and short-term volunteers to explode into ministry. This was a tremendous YWAM “guidepost and perspective” message.

3. Both Don Stephens “Independence,” and Joy Dawson, “What We Owe to Others for What We Are Today” gave messages that were heart-rending and changing. There were many hours of tears, confession, and other forms of ministry.

4. There were so many precious brothers and sisters to fellowship with! All hours and all ways. What a wonderful family is the family of God.

5. Was thrilling to be on the *Anastasis*—it is such a precious ministry all over the world. What a work of hard labor, brokenness, love and perseverance. Now it is beautifully being used for the glory of Jesus.

Washington, D.C.

*Now upon returning home, one of the most challenging of falls is before us. I feel confident in God, well rested from the summer break, **but much recognizing my need to go deeper in Him**.

*His Word and prayer must become consuming to me. By his GRACE and my obedience, they shall.

September 5, 1982

After a somewhat relaxing weekend, a busy week has begun. I have personally felt very weak during this time and have begun to really recognize my need for personal revival in my heart and life. May I bow my head and heart and allow it to come, Lord Jesus.

On Monday our leaders met and sought God regarding the direction of our ministry. It is a very important time. **He spoke very clearly to us about what we are to SEE (Jesus, His Kingdom, revival, world evangelization) and what we are to BE (revived, loving, prayerful, bold and evangelistic), and then what we are to DO**. We are so dependent on you, Precious Lord.

On Wednesday Mavita Gomez (staff member from Tanzania) and I attended a meeting at the **Israeli Embassy** on the state of the Middle East from Israel’s perspective. Mr. Savidor, the Speaker of the Israeli Knesset, shared some very insightful things. I grew in wisdom.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On Thursday, Mike Davison and Jim Waller and I drove to Philadelphia to negotiate the Rockcastle property. We are moving cautiously and excitedly ahead. Some compromises are necessary. God gave grace and wisdom as we shared.

Virginia Beach, Virginia

And on Friday I attended the Washington for Jesus Planning Committee meeting in Virginia Beach. For a few awesome hours we discussed the future of the movement and the peril of our nation. Toward the end, God really came down among us and showed us:

1. To focus on the desperate need of revival, especially concentrating on prayer.
2. To continue to participate in all grassroots efforts being born by the Holy Spirit at this time.
3. To throw strong support behind the National Day of Prayer, May 5, 1983 and believe God for a real move.
4. To wait for His Word regarding a capital city rally in 1984.

*The meeting concluded with prayer and rejoicing. On the way home, Shirley and I really grabbed on in prayer for the nation. Our focus on revival must return. Our vehicle must be true intercession.

September 12, 1982

Bev Riedesel was led to stay up one night and really seek God on my behalf. The gist of God's Word to me was, "Be not overwhelmed. Wait on the Lord and take courage in Him." I have really needed this word as I've faced the realities of my responsibilities this fall.

In fact, in our YWAM Council meeting on Monday, God showed us that we couldn't "plan our way" out of the current situation—that a level of great humility, weakness and renewed focus on knowing and pursuing God alone was needed in our ministry. The pinpoint of the word was from 2 Chronicles 20:12: "For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us, nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You."

*Father, we clearly see our NEED before you right now. RENEW us in your love and deepen us in the knowledge of your ways. In this multitude of decisions and opportunities, show us only the path that you Yourself are taking. Other Scriptures given were: 1 Peter 5:5b, Psalm 123, Proverbs 16:1-10, and Revelation 2:1-7.

On Monday evening we all sought God together committing ourselves to return to our "first love" (Rev. 1:1-7). This morning the Lord spoke clearly to me through Ezekiel 36:9,10:

“For behold I am for you and you will be cultivated and sown. And I will multiply men on you and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt. “

*What a promise to us and all facets of our ministry. Thank you, Lord!

*This dealing of God we're now going through I was pre-warned about while on the west coast. It's 1) Get back to basics, 2) Be revived, 3) Have great faith, and 4) Fix your eyes on Me. The rest of this week I clung to my Savior and began to seek his face for revival, strength and guidance. **It is a most important time in my own life and in our ministry.**

September 19, 1982

Lord Jesus, it is an important week to set our course with our eyes on You. Continue to revive us in your love and care. We attended Silver Spring Christian Community this morning and heard Winkie Pratney share. I also attended a leaders' meeting on Friday where he spoke on revival. I was stirred to have the inward depth of men of old that allows the power of God to move.

Isaiah 66:1,2 is a key verse: **“But to this one will I look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit and who trembles at my word.”**

*God is also speaking to me about the double death of a vision that I believe we need to go through as a ministry. Much revelation here. Father, you continue to speak to me, and I continue to seek you during this most important time in our ministry. All eyes are focused on your power and graciousness. My deep inner longing is to KNOW YOU and YOUR WAYS.

*The book of Daniel is speaking deeply to me. **I want to be a Daniel of my generation.** Chapters 9 and 10 really spoke to me this morning as I pondered our ministry situation and great need. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer, O Great God of Daniel. Lead us to victory for your Great Name's sake.

On Saturday we participated in a rally on the Mall aimed at encouraging the National School Prayer Amendment. Much of it was good, but the smallness of the crowd really grieved me. It marked the Church as apathetic, selfish, and in desperate need of revival.

When I came home, I cried out to God and he showed me the following. First, what the priorities of the Church need to be to be living in revival:

1. Repentance
2. Prayer
3. The Word
4. Faith
5. Praise
6. Unity

7. Evangelism.

And repentance is the big number one. We do not know what it means to hurt over sin and walk humbly with our God. Lord, lead us into Your heart!

September 26, 1982

Was able to attend 1st Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church this Sunday—Rev. Ernest Gibson's church. A young man gave a good message that God used to really confirm the message for the black church that God has given me.

*Lord, your confirmations of truth are so exciting and encouraging. (I also saw this truth in other ways during the week.)

During a very busy and pressured week, Jesus really spoke to me out of the book of Zechariah 4:6-10. I will share the most important portions:

- “Not my might, not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord of hosts. What are you O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of ‘Grace to it!’”
- The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. For who has despised the day of small things...”

Lord, I apply this to the great test of finishing 133 C. Street. Yes, Father. It will be done by your grace. And as we birth twin ministries [referring also to Rockcastle], I remain simply the mid-wife and you the Master Creator and Physician.

October 3, 1982

It was a very busy week—they seem to go in spurts.

It also seems to be a very sobering time in the life of our ministry as we grapple with growth and change. Personally, I have found myself in great need of the grace and guidance of God. The stretch of testing remains upon me personally and upon our ministry.

Hammonton & Atlantic City, New Jersey

On Thursday, in obedience to the Lord, I drove up to Hammonton and then to Atlantic City to begin building a good link of relationship with Woody Woodward [leader of the Wagon Train – 1976] and our New Jersey brethren. All throughout the trip God only confirmed to me how important “relationship” are. They are the steel of the buildings whose architect is God.

Out of our time together, God really showed us how we must bring our staffs together and really begin to plan to take the east coast for Christ. It's nothing less than that, and I am thrilled. Lead on, Lord Jesus.

Rockcastle, Virginia

*On Friday we all drove to Rockcastle for our first leaders meeting there. Was wonderful to be greeted by Greg and Ramona Musch and the others and begin to chart the course of this new ministry. We took time to get to know one another, had a great time in prayer and made some good starting decisions. The first was to move with the urgency of the first school there scheduled for January 3. This was clear direction from heaven.

Washington, D.C.

The weekend was spent with the special treat of a visit by "Grandpa Boehme"—my dad. We had a very strengthening time enjoying one another and seeing the city.

October 10, 1982

*Need to meditate in Psalm 37.

*Dad spent all day Sunday with us also and then returned to Connecticut [he was there for a medical meeting]. Nathan sure enjoyed his Grandpa.

*I am now very tired and in need of revival personally—especially the spirit of prayer resting upon my life. As the pressures mount, I want to mature in God to face the challenges of the Kingdom.

*This evening we had a very important openness and sharing time as a ministry. "Wait for the Lord and keep his way and he will exalt you to inherit the land" (Psalm 37:34).

This seems to be a time period in which I am "coasting" somewhat. I see the great faith goals ahead, but I am finding it difficult to rise up and personally conquer. In my weakness, I am very aware of my personal need for revival and maturity. This is a never-ending process of learning to die to self.

God showed me the other evening that I have learned to live by will power and perseverance over the past couple years, but in this maturing process, I have lost some of my early convictions, boldness, and spontaneity. I must swing the pendulum back. I am deeply convicted to do so.

*Things are progressing well in our move into the Rockcastle ministries. Leadership has been raised up—staff members have come—and we’re rapidly making plans for the first Discipleship Training School. Thank you, Father, for your wonderful gift. May it be completely Yours from the very beginning.

October 17, 1982

On Tuesday night as I was readying for bed, the Lord plopped into my mind the word “STEADFAST.” It was a strong encouragement from Him to keep my eyes fixed on his goals and not be swayed by uncertainties. This morning as I sought God early, this same sense of faith was with me. I was also led to Isaiah 66 and feel that I should really stay in meditation here.

*I have been seeking God a lot about establishing the completion of 133 C. Street as the week of April 29 to May 5. This would be a time of dedication and prayer. Lord—I look for your final word... We only want to move in faith and wisdom with You. Thank you for your love and commitment to us.

+ For continued meditation: Psalm 37 and the ending chapter of Isaiah.

As I seek God about my assignment to see the finances released for C. Street, I am led to this portion of God’s Word: “For the Lord God helps me, therefore I am not disgraced; Therefore I have set my face like a flint and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Behold, the Lord helps me. Who is he who condemns me? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God” (Isaiah 50:7-10).

October 27, 1982

On Friday we participated in “Washington Statement” luncheon which was a good united stand against pornography. Tom Skinner spoke and the Lord really re-emphasized the crux sins of a falling civilization: murder and perversion.

We must really throw our weight behind this issue.

Then we attended an Intercessors for America Conference. What a wonderful time of revelation this was! God really spoke to me about:

1. Humility and honesty in prayer.
2. The priority of prayer.
3. Doing spiritual warfare against principalities and powers.

Nearly a thousand people were in attendance and it was historic. The conference concluded this morning with a good message by Ern Baxter. God is really stirring the fires of prayer and I don’t want to miss even one burning ember.

November 2, 1982

On Tuesday I was able to **vote in Virginia for the first time** and it was a great privilege. There were lots of close races and generally people of righteousness were the victors—Praise the Lord.

Rockcastle, Virginia

This evening God brought great brokenness upon us and a fresh authority as we interceded for the nation and the elections. Today we rejoiced in many answers to prayer. For the afternoon and evening, I was involved in an elders' meeting at Rockcastle that was good as well as sobering. Many decisions need to come forth.

Washington, D.C.

Tired and thoughtful I had my quiet time today down near the Potomac River. The Lord gave me many detailed answers to prayer and especially quickened this Scripture to me:

“But he knows the way I take. When he has tried me, I shall come forth like gold. I have not departed from the command of his lips. I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my necessary food” (Jeremiah 23:10,12).

I had the privilege this week of leading the prayer portion of our 1st Friday Prayer Meeting this evening. It was a very good time with Joy Dawson a powerful word on Revival and then all of us crying out for spiritual leaders and for nations. About ten foreign guests were present and we used the occasion to really seek God's face for revival in the nations.

The revival candle is beginning to burn brightly in my heart again.

On Saturday God led me to speak on “Shaking and Awakening” to a prayer group at the Pentagon. It was a well-received word.

November 7, 1982

After a restful Sunday, the week began with a tremendous **3-day conference and retreat on Prayer and Spiritual Awakening among some eighty prayer leaders at Airlie House in Virginia. Bill Bright, Joy Dawson, Norval Hadley, Dick Eastman, Evelyn Christenson, Ben Haden, Ben Jennings and Stephen Olford were among those who shared. DYNAMITE!** Great brokenness settled upon us on the Tuesday night and a real passion and expectancy of revival was the intense focus.

Lord, you really spoke to me about returning to my first love. Revival. A pure, pondering thirst for you. I crave it. I need it. I long to be with you again in intimacy of fellowship and love. As I walked in the woods, I cried out for change—that every day of my life be supernatural and filled with God. Thank you for sharpening my eyes. There's no turning back.

This morning **you gave me a song**. I want to live it back to you:

“As many as be the promises of God they are yea and amen in Christ Jesus. (Repeat). According to the power that works within. Jesus is the One who saves from sin. As we go forth a world to win... Oh praise his holy Name!

Hammonton, New Jersey

Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful “short weekend” you allowed us to share in Hammonton. It was ordered of You and blessed by your Presence. The fellowship was tremendous, the praise was exciting and your personal words to us were very encouraging. You are creating strength in us to use us more effectively in the east coast.

The word God gave was Hebrews 10:19-25.

Washington, D.C.

November 14, 1982

A day of rest after a busy and invigorating weekend. It is needed in my soul. I also desire to maintain the daily burden of revival in my heart. Amen, Lord Jesus.

Toward the end of the week as I prepared to fly to Titusville, Pennsylvania to be with our YWAM brethren, our Precious God sent a real sign of encouragement. On Saturday we completed the first copies of **a fund-raising manual God showed us to put together** to take 133 C. Street to completion. As the first one came off the press, I was able to give a tour and share it with **Mr. Norm Kurdtz, a friend of Tom Hess. After we had prayed, God spoke to him very clearly that he was to pay for the finish of the prayer room!** This was remarkable in at least two ways:

1. God had sown us that the Prayer Room was to be finished first.
2. As he verbalized his commitment, the Holy Spirit said to me, “It's a new day.”

The understanding was that the Lord was going before us to open the doors of provision in new and wonderful ways. I rejoiced in His goodness and hurried and caught my plane to Pittsburgh.

Titusville, Pennsylvania

*The time spent with YWAM here was one of the most supernaturally powerful times I have ever had in ministry.

Ever since getting together recently with the Marantha Campus Ministries staff and Mark Caulk especially prophesying over my life, I have had a new gift of faith and drawing into ministry in the gifts of the Spirit, especially the words of wisdom and knowledge. In Titusville, this new empowering really came to birth.

On Sunday I ministered on the “Conscience” in revival and the Spirit attended with conviction of sin and much genuine repentance. In an afterglow time, I was prompted to share with the staff and laid hands on many people, break bondages and release ministry gifts. Wonderful outpouring.

During a potluck supper at a local church, God gave me a word of knowledge regarding two young people—that they had a “spirit of lust” in their relationship. That led to a time of counseling and sharing both with their pastor and parents—and there was not full repentance. But the light of the Holy Spirit really descended upon sin and in the end, we cried out for revival in the youth group and church.

There was much personal ministry to people—a girl even receiving the gift of tongues on a plane. I’ve never experienced that before.

*Suddenly my ministry has taken on a whole new dimension—“demonstration of the Spirit and power.” And the words of Jean Darnall to me some eight years ago have now come into focus: “Learn to pray in the Spirit.”

[Soon after I returned home to D.C., Ron Southwick called me to say that God had used my word of knowledge to reveal that the girls’ father—the youth pastor—had been involved in incest with his daughter and other aspects of fornication had spread in the youth group. That was now being repented of and dealt with.]

Rockcastle, Virginia

*We began our **first ever joint staff conference today at Rockcastle** with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. We have prayed for days for this time and now looking back, God did not disappoint us. His Word RUNG in our ears and we were closely knit together in fellowship and power! Here are the highlights:

1. The Spirit clearly confirmed to us our change of name to **YWAM Renewal Ministries**. This strongly crystallizes our focus and unites all of us under an appropriate banner.
2. The themes of God were clear. **Leland Paris shared on “Being Strong in the Lord.” Ramona Musch on “Onward” in running the race set before us. Greg Musch spoke on “The Remnant in Revival” and I spoke on our calling in Renewal in the 80’s.**
3. There was tremendous prayer, recreation and fellowship.
4. In our final session, the Lord led us into an extensive time of ministry, laying on of hands, and the Word of God being released among us. The Spirit especially drew us to repent in the area of lethargy in praise—and many releases came.
5. On Saturday we had a tremendous time of dedicating the facility and all the property to God. We left weary but revived and BREAKING FORTH.

Washington, D.C.

November 29, 1982

*As I sit by the Potomac and write these things, still somewhat exhausted, Father, you are such a wonderful encouragement to me to be renewed and press on. **A new day is ahead. As this year begins to come to an end, a maturing is taking place and a supernatural power is being every more greatly released.**

I am grateful, gathering strength, and will continue going forward. You have said ONWARD AND ONWARD.

On Saturday, Shirley and I and Nathan left for the west coast. Before that, I must report a few happenings, for God’s glory:

1. **We found out for sure this week that Shirley is pregnant. Praise the Lord! Our second child is one the way [really our twins, David and Bethany] and we are glad and rejoicing in our Creator.** Due date is June 16, but I believe it will be the 10th.

2. Friday evening was the first Friday of the month, and a number gathered for prayer. It is a growing time.
3. I was able to leave Washington in a flurry—only by the grace of God.

*I am very tired, but very thankful that the Lord Jesus is my Sustainer. He has never failed me and never will.

Port Orchard, Washington

After a short rest, I am on to Salem to share the Word of God there. I want to honor you, Father, with all my heart.

Salem, Oregon

December 5, 1982

Father—you truly gave me a remarkable week in Salem. Thank you for your grace in my life. May I learn to appreciate it more and more.

*I spoke to the DTS and SOE this trip—over 100 world changing students. Jesus really gave me a revelation of how my teaching and preaching is leaving eternal deposits in people--“Laying up treasures in heaven.” Oh, how I want to have an eye for eternity and produce its fruits.

On Wednesday evening I ministered to the staff. God gave me a word on “Prepare for New Beginnings” with points on love, carefulness, loyalty and submission. A wonderful move of God descended on us and hours went by in prayer, confession, the flow of spiritual gifts (which is becoming the norm in my life and ministry) and great encouragement.

All week long I really fought a cold and sore voice and general weariness, but God was faithful to always give me enough strength to minister.

*God has been speaking to me recently about growth goals for our staff for the coming years. Specifically, I pray for the following targets:

1. That we have 200 people in Servant Ministries within 5-10 years.
2. That we have over 1000 staff by 1992 (ten years).

Father—fulfill your wonderful word!

We ended on Friday as I shared a new anointing on “The Church in the 1980’s.” Was followed by hours of praying for people to be full of the Holy Spirit and stirring up God’s gifts

within them. Special emphasis was on dealing with unbelief and releasing a spirit of faith. By now I am weary, grateful, sick, and on my way home. God continues to “stir up” my own ministry and cause it to flow forth into the lives of others.

Tacoma, Washington

December 12, 1982

Precious words to live by this week: “You have made me bold with strength in my soul. The Lord will accomplish what concerns me” (Psalm 138:3b,8a)

I thought I was to speak at YWAM Tacoma on Monday, but lo and behold, I was given the day off. It was exactly what I needed—one day to get back my voice and collect some much-needed rest. Perfect timing from my Heavenly Father which allowed me to continue to minister without missing one opportunity.

I began preaching today to a small School of Evangelism. Have been greatly drawn to speak more on the LOVE of God and focus on the cross. I’m seeing that this is the center of revival. The Lord has continued to encourage me to speak from the heart and be bold.

*On Thursday afternoon I spoke to the entire base and God moved mightily among us for hours in application. As has been my recent custom, I moved in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and power and there was especially great release in people’s lives in worship, musical instruments and ministry to one another. What a blessing for me to bless this wonderful group in my home state.

I finished today, weary, but oh so grateful. In some ways, the past six weeks of my ministry have been the greatest and most freeing of my life. A new authority and focus have come. Revival burns again in my heart and the faith to realize it.

God gave Shirley and I a wonderful day together on Saturday and dinner out in Tacoma. A special treat—and so important to our love and relationship.

Port Orchard, Washington

December 19, 1982

I needed this week so much for badly needed rest. It turned out that way as it was the week before Christmas and many preparations to be involved in.

We spent the week at my parents'—which was very rewarding. Of special note was a tremendous sense of restoration with my mom following a time of tenseness. We ended up spending a whole afternoon together, went out to lunch, and generally seemed to talk everything out. We chose to understand our very different personalities and callings. I also shared with her about the spirit of rejection which I believed was in her life. All was received well, and it left us with the best sense of intimate relationship that we've ever had. Praise the Lord!

I also enjoyed very good fellowship with Grandpa Johanson—now about 90. He had many “revelations” and tidbits of wisdom to share.

A good Christmas Eve was spent with family. Oh, the wonder of the birth of the Christ-child! More and more my meditation on this great theme is sweet. I love you so much, Lord Jesus and want to be your servant and friend.

*CHRISTMAS DAY: Christ is born! Shirley and I ended this day of days on a very special note of giving Scripture gifts to one another for the coming year. These are the most important gifts that can be given.

December 26, 1982

I spoke this evening at Harper for about fifteen minutes—God blessed—and then my dad and I did first: sing a duet together. The Holy Spirit anointed it and ministered through it to quite a few people.

Was also a great joy to bring together on Sunday evening about 15-20 of our friends at Dave and Ellen Saavedra's house. In a “open” meeting, the Holy Spirit directed us to look at the preciousness of true friendship and then spend many hours praying for every single person.

Many “words” and Spirit-led prayers poured forth. God really impressed me again with the concept of how deep and beautiful our friendships are to God. And that they were this way because many of us would one day be working together in YWAM. I want to hasten that day with prayer!

We also had a good “Missionary Support Team Meeting” at my folks' house on the 27th. Though threatened by a power outage, we went ahead and about 25 people came. Building the committed core of young and old is so important and so God has led us to do it. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for each one. They are special and we want to be faithful to them in prayer.

*The remainder of our days were spent in many breakfasts, lunches, and counseling times with friends. In this regard, speaking into the lives of others—I believe this trip was one of the most successful ever. I am tired, but very grateful and not at all tired of seeing the power of God move in people's lives.

Now 1983 is upon us. On to the heights of revival and the revealing of the glory of God.