

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1983

Washington, D.C.

January 2, 1983

We left the west coast on December 31 to return to our home in the east.

My reading through the Bible has now been going on for ten consecutive years—what a great blessing and joy.

A new and vital year is beginning. Shirley and I are together, at home, and in prayer. It is a coming of age time for us and I am more than excited about what God will do. The Scriptures that God gave to Shirley for me this year are: 1 Chronicles 22:11-19, Nehemiah 1:6-111, and Psalm 23. I have been meditating on these Scriptures and getting very blessed by their truth.

The Chronicles passage is an encouragement to have faith and boldness, the Nehemiah verses are a call to prayer, and Psalm 23 is my resting place. I have been greatly built up by these words. Now to live and obey them!

Being back in Washington, D.C. has brought both faith and fear. One, I must live by. The other I must REBUKE!

It was refreshing to once again have my quiet time on the steps of the U.S. Capitol this morning. I love this great city and am praying for its welfare. Though it was cold, my heart was very warm.

Spent a couple of good days with Nick and Rozanne Savoca and their family while they were passing through town. During a final time of prayer, God spoke this word to us through them:

“Expand your borders”—in ministry.

Friday evening about 50 of us assembled for the First Friday Prayer Meeting on Capitol Hill. It was a good time of intercession, especially crying out to God to forgive us for the great sin of abortion. We broke up into small groups and then came forward to the altar to pray together later in the evening. It was a good night of building prayer.

On Saturday we had a relaxing family day. In the evening Shirley and I began reading James Dobson’s book “The Strong-willed Child.” We need it with Nathan (!) and are really growing as parents.

January 9, 1983

As I was going to bed last night, the Lord reminded me of the important time that I am in **as I prepare to reach the age of thirty**. He focused my concentration on some traits or disciplines that I should give supreme attention to over the next few months: Here they are--

1. Faith – Authority
2. Prayer – Revival
3. Personal Disciplines – Holiness.

Sunday morning, I rose at 5:30 am to seek His face. I DO want to ready myself for his calling.

On the 13th **I spoke to a Women's Aglow meeting in Camp Springs, Maryland**. There was a wonderful move of God as I shared with a great sense of authority. The night before I had prayer and God gave me this word on "The Coming Revival:"

"Prayer is going to launch the revival. Unity is going to maintain and spread the revival. Power is going to characterize the revival."

Shirley and I attended a Washington Redskins Chapel Service this evening as guests of Jim Brenn (chaplain). It was very enlightening. What a need here is among pro athletes who are so idolized by our society. Praise God that some of the Redskins are Christians, including Coach Joe Gibbs. Even in the professional sports realm, the word of God needs to come forth boldly. We sure support Jim in this very important calling.

January 16, 1982

The week has begun in earnest. Sunday was a relaxing family day and then the pace began to pick up.

Monday morning, I attended a morning breakfast for street people that we are getting involved with at 3rd Street Church of God (Dr. Same Hines). It is a wonderful opportunity for serving "the least of these." About 200 men were in attendance and I am thrilled at the opportunity.

In the afternoon **Carol McGowen [Conkey] and I met with Bishop John Meares—and God used this time to open a major door of ministry into Evangel Temple. We were promised fifty people to go through our DTS and the whole church will be exposed to missions**. Hallelujah for this wonderful open doorway.

Our busy January and February months begin. God has really encouraged me to be disciplined and holy and continue to prepare myself for the work in front of me. I have accepted the challenge and am moving ahead.

On Thursday I preached at a Christian Fellowship at the National Security Agency. My text was Ezekiel 9:1-9. More and more I'm being led in the revival burden to speak on issues of the day. Abortion was my burden today and God blessed His word.

This evening we began to 24-hour Prayer Watch for Revival. What excitement is in our hearts and desire to see God glorified! It was two years ago that we saw clearly this vision, and now in the Lord perfect timing, it is coming to pass. We are building up to 133 people praying every hour of the day on the Capitol Grounds at C. Street. May it be a part of the glorious revival that is coming. Come Lord Jesus and reign among us.

On Saturday we attended the National Right to Life March—26,000 strong—and a great burden in our hearts. When will the silent holocaust of abortion end? Year by year the burden and determination gets greater and greater.

Powhatan, Virginia

January 23, 1982

This will be a week of speaking and encouraging the staff and students at Rockcastle.

Sunday was a day of readying and we prepared to go south. We arrived in Powhatan about 5 pm and in the evening I spoke to the community on "The Coming Revival." The Spirit of God was present, and we cherished his words.

What a joy to be speaking at our first school. There are thirteen students and a few staff coming to the lectures. Shirley and Ruth Hope (Hartmann) and I really desire to minister as a team.

This morning as I came downstairs for my quiet time, the Lord reminded me of the importance of getting up early to seek His face. I believe it is to be 5 am. *Lord, help me to forge this habit in my life. It's your face that I want to seek.

It has been a very strenuous week. I've realized that in speaking "at your own place" there are more meetings, leader's times, counseling appointments and the like that, combined with teaching and preparation, can be a very grueling schedule. I have had no free moments to speak of, and so much of the time my only strength has been his power through faith. But that's the way it should be!

This evening God led me to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit to the students, and the Lord really came down and built us up through revelation. Every single student was prayed for individually, and any words of knowledge, wisdom, discerning of spirits, faith, prophecy and the like were manifested and ministered. Wonderful night with Jesus walking among us!

His release of joy was very evident, and **we sang and danced until nearly 11 pm**. It was an important breakthrough for the students. Now they must grow.

Our week at Rockcastle has been a real good learning experience. Personally, I really enjoyed the beauty of the surroundings and the “ease” of communing with God which really is the atmosphere. I had some tremendous devotional times during the week, and this was special.

I also ran every morning with Wes Cecotti and this was good exercise and good fellowship. He is growing in God.

One thing that became clear to me was that my ministry is most effective toward the end of a school rather than toward the beginning. **I am more prophetic than pastoral**, and wisdom dictates that my presence would be more encouragingly received toward the end of a school session. The students would be more open and prepared.

During an evening we got all the staff together for worship and sharing. One thing God led us to do was to share all our **DREAMS in ministry**. How exciting! God has given some real concrete visions for us to believe Him for together.

How important it is to have vision and aim.

In my own life, for some months now actually, I have been deeply pondering and “dreaming” about the future. What will I accomplish for Christ? How can my life be effective for Him? What should be my clear aim and goals?

Deep questions and no easy answers. All of it is dependent on God and achieved by faith.

One thought I have even been embarrassed to write down has been the possibility personally of becoming a leader in our nation someday—even the president of the United States. It seems like I can’t get it out of my mind. This seems ridiculous and I certainly don’t want to be moving in pride.

But I want to do my utmost for His highest. I press on. He must guide and fulfill. I must be careful to obey.

Washington, D.C.

January 30, 1983

So begins a busy week of conventions and national opportunities. The greatest thing that we can do is PRAY.

Many wonderful people are now in town for the various events of the week. May God use them mightily as salt and light in a dark place.

Yesterday I heard President Reagan speak at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention (Shoreham Hotel) and some people said he gave the most evangelical message ever given by a U.S. president.

In the afternoon I attended a very dynamic Washington for Jesus meeting which stirred my heart to keep working for the revival.

This year we are to concentrate on the Year of the Bible and the National Week of Prayer (April 29-May 5). Pastor Gimenez, Pat Robertson and Bill Bright all share powerful words. [There are notes in my hand-written journal of all the major messages.]

*We must seek God to do our part and really support the president during this time of the “open window.”

Had a tremendous time today at the NRB. These conventions are so valuable for building relationships and sharing about YWAM. Had some great time with Jim Rogers and then with Leland Paris. In the evening, Leland and Shirley and I attended a minister’s dinner at the National Prayer Breakfast. It was very good.

Thursday was a very full day. The National Prayer Breakfast began at 7:45 am and was wonderful. It was very Christ-centered and General Vessey, the chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, gave a stirring word. Billy Graham proclaimed in the evening that it was the best breakfast ever. This is because of the saturation in prayer and the revival that is coming.

The Fellowship is beginning a 24-prayer movement. On Thursday evening, the theme of revival was forefront as Dr. J. Edwin Orr spoke on the 1857 revival emphasis. Friday was a great day of prayer (about 4-5 hours for me personally) including with the “Watch Night” at Washington Community Fellowship.

I have committed this week to pray more for spiritual and political leaders. I want to be faithful to do this.

**One very stimulating thing I’ve been able to do this week has been to read through for the first time Dr. Francis Schaeffer’s *Christian Manifesto*. It is an excellent book and paints a clear picture—unusually clear—of where we are in the U.S. and Western culture also, and what we need to do to resist the tyranny of evil.

His book is a watershed. If widely read and applied, I believe it will alter the course of history for the good of the cause of Christ. Francis Schaeffer strikes me as a 20th century John Locke who is destined to lay the foundation for a new Christian reformation or revolution.

*I for one, and by the grace of God, sure desire to be one of the freedom fighters. Through reading this book, God sure impressed me again with the importance of digesting important works by reading them 3-5 times. I will put this into practice.

+ Our busiest week has been a wonderful one. God is moving! We must keep moving with Him.

February 6, 1983

We ministered at Christian Center in Springfield on Sunday evening to begin this week. There was much spiritual warfare over this service, and God really showed me later how we need to be on our guard. The enemy does not want our messages of revival to go forth.

(Joy Dawson was again in town this week and spoke at a Baptist Church and to a group of military wives.)

*I am really sensing a need for God in my life right now. I have been very quick to react to little things. I must also constantly rise about a spirit of unbelief regarding 133 C Street and behold the salvation of God.

Oh God, arise in your strength and come to our aid. Unless You build the house, we labor in vain. Oh God of the miraculous, come down and reveal the faithfulness of your word and the great grace you bestow on the children of men.

[In my diary is a good set of notes of a message by Dr. J. Edwin Orr on “Revival and Revivalism.”]

2 Chronicles 4:10 – “Now Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, ‘Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, that your hand might be with me.’ And God granted him what he requested.”

*This afternoon I met with Mr. Palau who informed me that we have until March 15th to “correct the situation” on our payments for 133 C. Street. The screws have now been tightened and it is a desperate time of travail for us. I have decided to totally cancel my schedule for the next month and give my attention to this pressing need. I knew this was coming and am confident in God that His salvation is at hand.

*Today Washington, D.C. was hit with a blizzard of 18 to 24 inches of snow. We are all fine, except for the snow drifts everywhere.

I continue to pray about our ministry situation. I see where I have been wrong and have neglected my responsibilities. I have asked God’s forgiveness and set my heart to repair the damage—by His grace.

February 13, 1983

1 Samuel 7:3-13 was given to Ruth [our worship leader] recently applying to our ministry. We will meditate upon it. The following verses sure jumped out at me today as a deep desire of my heart:

“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself in order that I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus to testify solemnly of the Gospel of the grace of God (Acts 2):24).

Last night while I was praying, **the Lord sure impressed me that this next month or months in and around the time that I turn 30 is going to be a time of testing as it was for Jesus in the wilderness just before beginning His ministry.** It's going to be a “dry time” but the Lord “will be my shepherd.” I am a little afraid but also very excited and open. May the Living God be fully honored in my life.

***Our Washington, D.C. team really went before God on Monday and Tuesday night around our 133 C. Street crisis point. Monday night was a time of real honesty and openness which lasted until about 1 am.** Last night we gathered to really press into God in repentance and faith.

The first two-and-a-half hours He led us into the depths of repentance over our many sins and our neglected faithfulness over “the house of the Lord” He has given us. It was a real revival in brokenness and honesty. What then followed was an affirmation of the word of the Lord to us. That 133 C. Street was a gift from Him. That **we are now to travail for its birth.** Here are some of the Scriptures that were given (2 Corinthians 8, Leviticus 19:23-25, *1 Samuel 7:3-13, Malachi 2:10-16, Psalm 40:1-3, 14-17, Luke 12:32, Philippians 4:6,7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Psalm 26:8, and 27:4).

*Personally, God has encouraged me out of Acts 20:22-24 and Ephesians 6:10-19. Now is my time to be strong and put on the full armor of God as I've never done so before. I want to rise to the occasion in full assurance of faith and realize the goal. Oh God, as you've done before, strengthen my hands (Neh. 6:9).

[In my journal is also pasted a personal note that **Bev Riedesel** gave to me on February 16 that said, “inspired by the Holy Spirit.” It was titled “I Love You My Child (Ron) and was filled with encouraging words to trust Him and His strength and move ahead.]

February 20, 1983

A new week of travail begins. I've asked the Lord to make my way successful for his glory. Amen.

I have spent the better part of a week sharing with our friends about our 133 C Street need and in all ways getting the word out. It has been a deliberate process of trying to knock on any door that would open. I am really learning.

It's clear to me that much is going to be required of us to see a miracle come true. During my Prayer Watch hour on Friday I was impressed to look at Exodus 14 and the story of the children of Israel coming out of Egypt. One thing that stood out was that Moses had to stretch out his staff and ONLY THEN did God work the miracle.

*I was really impressed that I must share my message with people and then leave the result to the miracle of God. All I am required to do is stretch out my staff. It is God's responsibility to part the Red Sea.

*Father, you are granting me courage and faith. May I not waver but stand strong and tall. The "possible" is me energetically making the needs known. The impossible is the provision of \$690,000. This is my all-encompassing focus right now—yet I want my heart to ever be on revival for Jesus.

[My journal contains another hand-written note from Bev Riedesel that is, again, filled with encouragement and faith. Then there is a another longer one from staff member Alison Muesing that mentions there are 8,810 promises in God's Word, and we are to believe them. It ends with "Standing with you and the team in fervent prayer." I am so grateful for those who believed in me and God's vision for us.]

February 27, 1983

This week I want to keep my eyes on Christ and realize His miracles!

My life is clearly focused now. I have committed myself to raise the funds of 133 C Street until the provision comes forth. I am encouraged about this, but also aware of the cost that may be involved. I am really learning to walk by faith, not by feeling or sight.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the tremendous lessons in diligence and drive that are needed to achieve the desired results. I know that I'm really in training for the pursuit of revival and whatever I learn in fund-raising must be more diligently carried over.

As I drove to and from a meeting at the Church of the Apostles tonight, it became so clear to me in this endeavor of faith that I do the possible and God the impossible.

And that, "I am our best-selling point." I must live the life of revival and speak out of my heart. Amen, by God's grace. I must follow the Lord fully, and his blessing will be ours (Joshua and Caleb). From March 15 onward, I am to go out boldly for our provision (Numbers 33:3).

Hammonton, New Jersey

*God has given us a tremendous East Coast Staff Retreat the past few days. There are about 120 that are here from four different centers and God has spoken deeply to us about unity, abounding in love toward one another, refreshment, and stirred out hearts with vision.

During a run on Thursday morning the Lord was giving me revelation on my upcoming message to the American black community. Here are some of the tidbits:

1. God has often used races of people in his plans (Jews, Moravians, Germanic etc.) and prepared them by suffering.
2. North American blacks have been prepared to fill the mission field due to the white prejudice of the Third World.
3. Our country shouts, "We want jobs." The King of Kings cries, "I want laborers." People are shouting, "Give us rights!" And God cries to His people, "When will they take up their responsibilities?"

I must call them to their missionary destiny!

We've been doing a devotional in the book of Philippians and this has been rich and meaningful. Last evening Leland shared with us a tremendous burden for the Americas—especially about Central America and the Caribbean and our focus really beginning to swing that direction.

We've all said a hearty AMEN. Praise you, Lord Jesus, for this wonderful time of enlightenment and encouragement together.

*The final morning Dough Easterday of Daystar gave a very motivating word centered around diligence in our calling—and then we ended our first staff conference with a precious time of fellowship and communion. God really built us together during this time and we've decided to do it again next year (March 2-5). Bless the Lord for his goodness.

[In the journal were detailed notes of messages by Leland Paris, Nick Savoca, bases reports, other global YWAM events and outreaches and the like.]

Washington, D.C.

March 8, 1983

Tired, but very grateful, we have returned from New Jersey to Washington, D.C. to continue laboring in the birth. So far, nearly \$17,000 has come in toward our first \$20,000 goal and we are humbly rejoicing and increasing our determination.

As I've exclaimed many times in the past, "O God, strengthen my hands!"

*Some Scriptures that the Lord gave to us over the weekend were Exodus 17:8-16, Joshua 1:5,8-9, Psalm 1:1-4, and Jeremiah 31:6-9.

I received an encouraging letter from Wendy Wiedenmeyer during the week in which were some thoughts from Hudson Taylor, the great saint to China. Here are a couple of them:

1. “It doesn’t matter really how great the pressure is. It only matters where the pressure lies. See to it that it never comes between you and the Lord, then, the greater the pressure, the more it presses you to His breast.”
2. We have this: (25 cents)—and all the promises of God (April 1874).

March 12, 1983

I had a blessed 30th birthday with Shirley and Nathan and many other friends. God showed me that I’ve spent:

- Ten years developing physically
- Ten years developing emotionally
- And 10 growing spiritually.

Now the BEST and real calling lies ahead. All up to now has been preparation for reigning with Christ. What a glorious hope!

As we near our first hurdle of faith, the sense of victory is in the air. Today, we are \$700 short of the \$20,000 and as Hudson Taylor said, resting on the promises of God.

At about 8 am this morning (Monday, March 14), Jim Waller came into my office at C. Street and showed me a \$1200 check for the building. BY GOD’S GRACE WE MADE IT! My heart leapt with gratefulness and my spirit was encouraged. How marvelous you are, God! How great are your mercies and perfect your ways! I do not want to rejoice in provision, money, or even deliverance...but in the cross of Jesus Christ which brings the possibilities of salvation to all aspects of our world. Glory to You, O Most High!

We somewhat “came off the mountain-top” this week as we made our goal, collected ourselves, and then prepared to move on toward the higher mountain. Quite a few staff really experienced spiritual battles and I did also—though my eyes were fully open to its coming. God gave me light and faith to walk through and I was able to help the others. It was a warning to me to learn to handle success as well as failure very humbly and prayerfully.

Dr. Cho’s book *The Fourth Dimension* continues to minister greatly to me. I want to have big dreams for God and great faith that is incubated to grow. I have been instructed through his own tests to persevere, work hard, and never give up on God.

March 20, 1983

A new step of obedience for me this week is to begin **rising at 5 am for my “quiet time”** with the Lord. The *rhema* came to me some months back, and now I believe I am to do it.

“Joshua rose early in the morning and mustered the people” (Joshua 8:10). It is a joy and privilege to be doing this to give more time and priority to “seeking the face of God.”

*So far it has been a tiring week of preparation. We had a good team meeting tonight and gathered strength for the coming days. **It is our joy and delight to have a FEET team with us for the week. We deeply appreciate them and feel very united in their vision for Asia. The revival is for the Great Commission and the means is Asia.** Thursday evening, they will share in a special fellowship on Capitol Hill.

As I ran this morning, I was reminded to me for our C. Street need in faith for God’s glory. My motives must remain pure. Teach me, dear Lord, the depth of what this means. I am weak but you are strong.

“So, the Lord gave Israel all the land which he had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it...Not one of he good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed. All came to pass” (Joshua 21:43,45).

“For by their own sword they did not possess the land and their own arm did not save them. But Your right hand and You arm and the light of Your presence, for You did favor them” (Psalm 44:3).

Rockcastle, Virginia

Had a good day, primarily with Greg and Ramona Musch at Rockcastle. Was also good to spend quality time as a family. Was very restful and encouraging.

Washington, D.C.

March 27, 1983

This is to be my final week of preparation and then the fight for the finish of 133 C Street really begins. How I need you, Lord, to ready me and open doors for me! Faith needs to incubate to brand new levels. You are able!

My normal Monday quiet time brought a lovely confirmation to my thought of trying to find 10,000 people who will battle with us for 133 C. Street. Here’s the verse:

“So, Barak went down from Mt. Tabor with ten thousand men following him” (Judges 4:14), and “That the leaders led in Israel, that the people volunteered, bless the Lord” (5:2).

Here were my marching orders for today: “O my soul, march on in strength” (Judges 5:21). How I LIVE by your revelation, O Lord...”and build an altar to the lord your God on top of this stronghold in an orderly manner” (Judges 6:26).

A busy week came to an end as I prepared myself to begin the biggest challenge of my life...Was a great blessing to appear on Channel 66 this week to share the need of 133 C Street. I believe it is the first of many appearances I am to make this spring—the Lord-willing and guiding.

We had a tremendous day in prayer and meditation and in the evening, we began the Concert of Prayer meeting and movement. It was a very good beginning. The more we pray, the greater the reality of the revival will come! Amen, Lord Jesus.

April 3, 1983

The week is committed to great preparation to travel to see 133 C Street established.

Was a blessed Easter Sunday—beginning with an international Sunrise Service (Lincoln Memorial) and then the regular times of worship. I am very thankful for Jesus and want to know and love you alone. Make me your faithful, obedient disciple.

A very busy week. Toward the end, I really enjoyed at a few sessions of the “Step Conference” at the Sheraton Hotel. STEP is a tremendous resource and strategy. It really utilizes the local strengths of city neighborhoods and adds its expertise to them. I’m sure we will really join hands with them in Washington D.C.’s inner city. Our job? A catalyst to see it happen.

During these few hours, God has been speaking unusually to me about the poor and the inner city. Two impressions have been primary:

1. I need to have an inner-city office and be there some days of the week. Being only on Capitol Hill may not be what Jesus has in mind for me.
2. That our family and maybe many of our staff need to live in the inner city. How about transforming an apartment house? A couple of blocks? We need this to “meet Jesus” and fill out our ministry.

*These have been strong thoughts. Give me understanding, Lord, of their meaning. You know I’m willing to do anything for You.

Had a tremendous meeting this morning with John Conlan, the former Congressman from Arizona for about three hours. He is involved in an enterprise called Faith America, Inc. and they are focusing this year on a Constitution Day rally on September 17 that will hopefully reach 500,000 concerned Americans around the nation by satellite.

We talked extensively about **revival and reformation in society**. God was really speaking to me through the time.

I will share here some of the revelation given.

1. That the revival needs to get grass-roots America involved in prayer and action in our country.
2. That the church can take charge of the nation politically with 500,000 people—this is 1000 workers per Congressional District.
3. That our 50-state Renewal Ministries is very critical, and even my present fund-raising trip will be used to establish a nation-wide network of “active” saints.
4. That 1983-88 is a “make or break time” regarding the destiny of America.
5. That to have influence on Capitol Hill we must have support and leverage in the local Congressional Districts.
6. That 133 C Street is of God (!) and must be used for His highest purpose. We must be trained, be professional, and be profoundly spiritual.
7. That we have within our grasp the keys for reforming our nation and having a godly government (president).
8. That right now is the 3rd wave of Christian political missionary thrust in the U.S. this century.

*My eyes have been lifted up! How I thank God for this personal “seminar” I received. It is very timely and very right. Give me, Father, the wisdom and courage to implement its most important parts!

Dallas, Texas

April 10, 1983

I'm on my way (in the air) to raise \$700,000. This is the scariest assignment of my life.
May it be the best!

I deeply appreciate a new Open Bible—NASB. Two Scriptures were specifically precious this afternoon out of 1 Samuel: “do for yourself [what your hand finds] for God is with you” (1 Samuel 10:7). And “whose hearts had touched them” (10:26).

These are the kinds of people I must find. Oh God, establish the work of my hands.

I am very tired but learning much from God. Since arriving in Texas, it has been a whirlwind of phone calls, appointments, friends, hauling supplies, and seeing the Lord open things up daily. Tonight, I am exhausted but determined to go on.

This little understanding has come to my mind since arriving. **Success comes from God through fervent prayer, wise decisions and hard work.** This is so true.

I am getting to know Dallas-Fort Worth. I am wanting to become more familiar with America on this trip. I am also deeply pondering raising up a 50-state network for righteousness in this nation and how my efforts may be laying the foundation for this.

So far, I have not seen much tangible result, however I am taking to the course of Alexander the Great during one of the great battles of his life. Here is how the historian put it: (pg. 881—my new Bible):

“but delays did not discourage Alexander, they simply strengthened his determination to win.”

Lord, create the same drive and ambition in my life.

It was a privilege to speak at a home meeting last night at Clint and Ann Murchison’s, the owners of the Dallas Cowboys. They are wealthy Christians who give generously to the work of the Gospel. They all seemed very responsive to our exciting need at 133 C. Street.

[At the Murchison home I saw a highly professional magic show that was presented to the group assembled. I don’t remember the name of the magician, but he was impressive and oohed and awed the group with his many “illusions.”]

I need an early night, then to continue with vigor my mission with determination to win.

It has been so wonderful to see God open doors for me here in Dallas. This is only in answer to the many prayers of people which are going up for me right now.

A special joy for me on this trip has been the reunion with Roy McKasson (and his new family). We went on the Young Life basketball team trip together in 1970—thirteen years ago and had not seen or spoken to one another since. Roy has been through some difficulties, but God is bringing him out. He and his wife still need some discipling, but their hearts are open and zealous for the things of God.

It has been a joy to make my “Home base” at their home in North Dallas. They have been a key to my seeing many people in the city.

[On morning at the McKassons, I woke up to and joined a national home-schooling meeting led by Michael Farris, the founder of the newly formed Home School Defense Fund. He became a friend after that—and eventual president of Patrick Henry College in Virginia.]

One delightful friendship that I have built on this trip has been with Millie Shropulis, Wyatt Lipscomb’s sister. She is precious and has opened many doors for me.

April 17, 1983

Press on to the goal!

Had the privilege of speaking at Shady Grove Church in the evening under a good anointing. The people were most responsive. I am tired, very tired, but asking, seeking and knocking.

Every day is a day of faith—phoning, going, presenting, traveling, map-reading, praying and on and on. I have really built some strong relationships, especially in Dallas. I have not realized much money, but many promises or encouragements of support have come. I am doing all I know to do. This is all that God can require. The rest is up to Him. He ALONE is our deliverer. We do the possible and He remains the God of the impossible. I have never been as expectant and determined in all my life.

What a nine-days of divine appointments! I have learned a great deal. Continue to teach me wisdom, Father, and honor that which is truly your mission. I have “set my face like a flint” to obey you and succeed. Humbly, boldly, I will continue.

With revelation, my heart views the end of the race. I will live by this invisible goal.

Washington, D.C.

+ I'm back home and enjoying some refreshing days--with my family especially. Absence does make the virtuous heart grow fonder. I deeply thank you, Father, for the wonderful family you have given me.

I am now flying out again to the west coast on my second trip. I begin tired, but determined to be successful, by God's grace. “The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear” (Ps. 27:1).

April 24, 1983

Time to “write” aboard another airplane! Over the past eleven years the “air” has been a favorite place for recording my own personal walk of faith and spiritual odyssey. Thank God I have had these moments of reflection.

In route from Washington, D.C. to Dallas (again) I read a very good little article on “Leadership” in US News and World Report. It was written by Warren Bennis and contained the following quotable insights on “Skilled Leader's Qualities:”

1. “They all have a compelling vision, a dream, about their work. They are highly conscious of what they want. They are the most results-oriented people I have ever encountered.”

2. “Leaders also share an ability to communicate and align people behind them.”
3. “A leader has to have a knack for using the right metaphor...”
4. Effective leaders are also committed and persistent.”
5. “Leaders know their own worth. They have positive self-regard. They realize what their strengths are and know how to nourish and nurture them.”
6. “From an early age [they] had a good idea of what they could do well.”
7. “Leaders put all their energies into walking the tight-rope. They don’t think about failure. They don’t even use the word...They regard almost every false step as a learning opportunity—and not the end of the world.”

Garden Valley, Texas

*We’ve just concluded three very exciting days as YWAM North American leaders gathered together in Texas. Leland had called us together to seek God together and share concerning a bold new initiative to reach the Caribbean Basin. It was a thrilling time. I really love and appreciate these guys very much and feel so privileged to be a part of their number.

We spend two busy and precious days with one another, and our Lord and Savior crowned us with his vision and blessings during the sessions.

[My journal contains good notes on the “North American Leader’s Meeting – Caribbean Basin Vision.” Presenters included Wally Wenge (Gleanings) and Don Richardson—missionary. I ended the notes with this statement: “We must win more and more people to the Lord among more and more peoples. What is my part?]

[There is also a fascinating section in my notes about the dawn of the computer age and how I can get one (IBM XT - \$5500!)]

Washington State

Now I continue my mission. How I yearn for the breakthroughs and releases! Great God of history—bare your arm and come to our aid. Don’t be silent during this time. Stir up the hearts of your people to establish the work of your hands! Deliverance can only come from you.

*Now I begin in my own backyard—the Pacific Northwest. It may take many or it may take one. My commitment is obedience.

“Let God arise, and his enemies be scattered. Your God has commanded your strength. Show yourself strong, O God, who has acted on our behalf because of your temple in Jerusalem” (Psalm 68:1, 28-29).

If I pay attention to my feelings, I would be very weak. The weeks of traveling are beginning to be felt and the attack of the enemy tries to bring discouragement. I must not give in. I must hang on to Jesus as I continue my assignment. The middle quarters are always prey to complacency and concern. What's most important is how I press on to win.

Only by the help and strength of my God!

May 1, 1983

It is a blessing and a challenge to begin this new month. We are "counting down" the miraculous provision for 133 C. Street.

Sunday was a relaxing day. [Sermon notes in my journal indicate I attended Harper church with Pastor Keith Meyer speaking on "On the Mountaintop."] Monday, the storm clouds gathered in my mind and during the afternoon I really sought the Lord for deliverance. He led me to remind myself of His promises. I am hanging on.

I must keep my eyes on the invisible and "stay the course." I am humbled by his work in my life at this time. My trip to Washington State is proving to be fruitful. I have asked out friends to help us believe God for \$115,000 from this region. May it be done!

"And the Lord helped David wherever he went." "And David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines." "So, David reigned over all Israel and administered justice and righteousness for all the people" (all references from 2 Samuel 8).

*Wonderful promises and accomplishments.

Portland, Oregon

**The National Day of Prayer. I'm in Portland, Oregon and speaking at YWAM Salem in the evening. The burden all day is, "Will you not revive us again so that your people will rejoice in you?"

I've been reading about the character of David in the Old Testament. One thing that really crystallized in my mind was how selfless a person he was. When he was attacked or slandered personally, he never responded in kind (Saul, Absalom, etc.). But when God was attacked or slandered, he rose up in godly jealousy and zeal (i.e. Goliath). He had great AMBITION for God and not for self. Is that what made him, "a man after God's own heart?"

Washington, D.C.

May 8, 1983

Tears and determined faith mark the beginning of my third trip, I miss my family very much and we gladly yield up each other for God's plans. He always knows best. Thank you, Father, for the very good weekend together. **The family you've given me is one of my most precious treasures.**

This trip will take me to Oregon, California, Hawaii and Colorado. I continue to pursue the God of the miraculous for His provision for 133 C. Street—and to expose people in the nation to the call of revival. This is a great joy and will have much bearing on the future, I believe.

Every day I need my heart revived to reach out to others in Jesus' Name. Father--daily do your works in my life. May I be a righteous representative of yours everywhere I go. And hear from heaven and confirm your promises to us. We eagerly await your victory.

Los Angeles, California

On Thursday [May 12], I received one of the greatest surprises of my life. I called home and promptly found out that after eight full months of pregnancy, they had discovered Shirley was carrying TWINS (and presumably one is a boy [David] and the other a girl [Bethany]).

I couldn't believe it! I almost felt in shock. The more I thought about it, the more grateful I was, yet I had never even considered the fact that I would ever be the father of twins. It had certainly never entered my mind that this pregnancy was anything other than one baby. What a bombshell blessing! For a couple of days, I was in a "daze" and having to re-think what it will be like to have two babies and three children... **Incredible blessing from God.**

And what timing. We're traveling for 133 C. Street and Shirley and I are bringing twins into the world. Much revelation has come to me about all of this.

In the evening when I was praying and asking God about this unexpected gift, my main question to God was, "Why?" He lovingly gave me much helpful revelation:

1. **He reminded me that the time we conceived our twins was the same time he spoke to our ministry about giving birth to "twins," that is, 133 C. Street and Rock Castle. Shirley and I are being given the privilege of "carrying" out the perfect symbolism.**
2. I had always leaned in the direction of wanting three children—with a special emphasis on boys.

3. Having two at once (pregnancy-wise) will be easier on Shirley. No more pregnancies are necessary [!]. She can get back into shape and stay that way.
4. **The Father showed me that Shirley is a good mother. She could be entrusted with this extra special responsibility.** It will be “for her salvation” (1 Timothy 2:15).
5. It is a time in history to move quickly. Finalizing our family all at once is a stroke of wisdom for our missionary calling.

I began to meditate in Psalm 127. Lord, it sure speaks to the whole of our situation in life right now:

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. Behold, children are a gift from the Lord. The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them--they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate” (Psalm 127).

[This week also included another encouraging note from Bev Riedesel, filled with Scriptural promises for my trips.]

May 15, 1983

I’m on my way to Hawaii—**vulnerable and waiting upon God, but fully obedient to what God has asked me to do.**

Father—strengthen my faith and resolve. It is so easy to waver and be discouraged in the face of little apparent fruit...but I KNOW whom to praise and where I must look...to YOU.

Honolulu and Kailua-kona, Hawaii

***What a warm and lovely time I’ve had in Hawaii!** It was very short, but oh so sweet. Being in Honolulu was a wonderful reunion (God showed me here that in a YWAM place that I thought would not deeply share our vision, He would make it just the opposite—one of the best times. That came true.)

Then a 30-minute trip to Kona and a wonderful reunion with many dear friends at Makapala, King’s Mansion and among the staff and students at the YWAM Village.

Sharing vision and strengthening these relationships has been so important. I ahs also been so gratifying to hear how much we are loved and that so many are praying for us.

“This will turn out for our deliverance.”

Washington, D.C.

Took a red-eye special back to Washington, D.C. in order to have some “extra moments” with Shirley and Nathan. Lord, I’m so thankful that You sustained me during these days of great challenge and extensive travel. You are my Sustainer and I am learning more and more about ever-increasing faith in You.

Lead on, O matchless King.

Rockcastle, Virginia

May 22, 1983

The Lord’s Day was spent with family and at Rockcastle where I ministered. The evening before we had a “team recreation night” and watched *Chariots of Fire* together. (As always, I was moved to race on with determination for Jesus in my current cause). At Rockcastle I gave the flagship message, “Why Is God Being Merciful to America?” and it was well-received with God’s blessing.

Illinois, Indiana and Ohio

I’ve been away from my journal for a week while I’ve traveled throughout the Midwest, It has been a good week of:

1. Speaking to a group in Urbana and at Winnetka Bible Church.
2. A TV interview in Chicago.
3. Two radio broadcasts at the Moody Bible Institute.
4. Doing a television show with Lester Sumrall in South Bend, Indiana.
5. Having appointments with Jon Beckett (Elyria, Ohio) and at the Cathedral of Tomorrow.
6. AND—some precious time with friends and FAMILY in Akron, Ohio.

The Lord continues to encourage me to get acquainted with America, build a network of relationships around the country, and believe Him for financial provision.

I am learning so much but feeling so vulnerable as o our need. Today finishes my first big six-week swing and I have little to show for it financially. What lessons I am learning in faith and perseverance. I need them. I’m growing up spiritually and this is so important. I don’t want to miss a thing.

Now back to my family, the challenges, and my Great God. After some rest, it will be time to continue the travail.

Washington, D.C.

May 29, 1983

It has been wonderful to be home. **Thank you, Father, for especially allowing me to be home for the birth of our twins.** [Shirley had been told by the doctor when they discovered twins that they could be born anytime—and I was still traveling.] You marvelously answered prayer and held back the labor. How wonderful is Your faithfulness! It extends to all areas of life.

It is now an important evaluation time for us. Only 5-6 weeks remain until our large payment is due. I have rarely felt so vulnerable to Satanic attack as I do now. I have been very weak and in need of God's daily grace.

Today I feel strengthened. **How I need TIME with my Lord to hear his voice and follow his commands. There is nothing more important than this in our ministry right now. Hearing his plan. Doing it with all our hearts.** This is my desperate and expectant longing.

“Now may the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13). This is an important Scripture for me this week—abounding in hope through believing. Lord, I have such a need for this right now in my life.

On Friday we had our regular Concert of Prayer. It was a precious time of intercession that God really blessed. We do need some direction in it, however. With my being away, it is easy for areas of ministry to begin to suffer.

Father, I need so much wisdom to direct this work! I ask in faith and receive it in faith. Thank you for always being there with your wealth of love and concern. I love you.

June 5, 1983

Psalm 33 is such a meaningful psalm to me. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” and so many other wonderful truths.

Another week of waiting. I am home, doing what I should do, and we are waiting for our twins and for the provision of God for 133 C. Street.

It is not an easy time. It is easy to be vulnerable, weak, wondering and tired. My hay fever has really been irritating this year and it is almost like a “thorn in the flesh” which really gnaws at me. But I am secure in knowing that my response to it can only bring good. I will allow

it to bring me closer to Christ and not allow me to drift away. God's faithfulness in all things is my guiding light presently.

Ecclesiastes 7:18 – “It is good that you grasp one thing and also not let go of another, for the one who fears God comes forth with both of them.” A good encouragement to keep pushing on 133 C. Street and maintain our ministry to people.

Ecclesiastes 9:18: “Wisdom is better than weapons of war. But one sinner destroys much good.” *A good perspective on defense.

Monday night Shirley and I were able to meet and shake hand with President Reagan at the White House and have a personal tour of it, including the Oval Office and the offices of all the top staff. It was a privilege and will sure help in our prayers.

I have such a burden for the presidency—and that a mature, godly man occupy that post. It is a major burden of prayer and a great desire.

[This was not the first time I'd met the president. After taking office in January of 1981, President Reagan appointed the first evangelical liaison in American history—Carolyn Sundseth—to occupy that position and give evangelical Christians a greater say in the life of the nation.

Carolyn was a YWAMer who'd served in Kona for some years. I don't know how she got the job, but it opened the door for many YWAMers to serve in government and be a part of the loop of what was happening in Washington, D.C.

Earlier in the spring, though not noted in my journal, Carolyn had invited me to a meet-and-greet at the White House where I stood next to W. Clement Stone, Chicago businessman and philanthropist and waited for President Reagan to greet people on his way to Marine One—the POTUS helicopter. I was able to shake his hand and say hello. The president is tall, and his hair was a grayer than the pictures I'd seen.

Soon thereafter, Carolyn invited both Shirley and I to the White where she gave us a personal tour and then we mingled with guests at an outdoor event. When it started to rain, they brought all the people inside where Ronald Reagan mingled with the guests and we were able to meet him.

There were Secret Service on both sides of the president and when they saw Shirley's “basketball of twins” sticking out, they gave us some dirty looks that seemed to say, “You better not have those babies here in the White House!” Ronald Reagan was gracious and only smiled. Later, through Carolyn's influence, we received a congratulations letter from the president expressing his best wishes over the birth of our twins. It's a keepsake.]

June 12, 1983

*On Friday Shirley and I had a very encouraging fasting and prayer time and beginning tomorrow we will go into great spiritual warfare for the ministry. Now is the time to break the chain and see 133 C Street “Come Forth!”

****This evening our staff began a 3-day fast to seek God’s favor for our ministry and undertaking.** It is an important and sobering time for us and in our vulnerability and weakness we are turning to the God of all strength.

[My journal contains 3-pages of type-written notes on the “fast” on June 13-15. It includes many Scriptures, prophecies, words of instruction and encouragement, and even a sense of our prayers as we prayed over every room of the 8000 square foot building.]

Our fast has been a grueling but blessed time. The 90-degree heat and high humidity has contributed to physical weakness and loss of stamina, but we have been enriched by the revelations of God and his great encouragements.

We have been especially admonished to endure, begin a new day, be encouraged, be steadfast and wholeheartedly seek God’s face and to persevere in hope.

It has been a wonderful time with our God, and we are grateful and expectant. *2 Chronicles 15 emerged as the theme Scripture. May we obey it with all our hearts.

June 19, 1983 – Father’s Day

As we headed into the weekend, my greatest desire was to see our children born. After going out to a Mexican restaurant with Pastor Steve and Donna Watkins who were visiting us, on Saturday night at 11:50pm, Shirley’s water broke in our bed. Just before that I had told her that I was so full of Mexican food that “please don’t go into labor tonight.”

Oh well! We scampered to the Alexandria, VAS hospital where Shirley was fully dilated when we arrived but had to wait for the arrival of Dr. DeVogt. The nurses said they’d rather wait for him! David “fell out” first at 1:21 am, and after taking seven minutes to rotate Bethany (who was in a breach position), Bethany arrived into this world at 1:28 am. An hour-and-a half and it was all over.

David Charles-Robert checked in at 6 pounds 13 ounces and 20-and-one-half inches and Bethany Ann at 7 pounds twelve ounces and 21-and-half inches.

We had left Nathan at the condo with Steve and Donna, but because the twins came out so fast, I made it back home by 2:30 in the morning.

***What a memorable Father's Day! God's gift to me (us) David Charles Robert Boehme and Bethany Ann Boehme. I am very thankful and want to raise them for God. "Children are a blessing from the Lord."

I'm still in a daze and still wondering what it all means. But one thing is sure: The Lord God of heaven and earth is loving, faithful and good.

A week of blessing—a week of adjustment. Wednesday, June 22, Shirley, David and Bethany came home from the hospital—and that was great joy. [I had to buy a new car from Ray MacAnanny that had room for three car seats in the back seat to pick up Shirley and the kids from the hospital.] Suddenly, we are a family of five.

So far, the Lord is giving us his grace as we get acquainted and lie without sleep! It will not last long, but our relationship with Christ will last forever.

I'm learning to cope with much pressure. It isn't easy being father, husband, YWAM director, fund-raiser and everything else all at once. But it is so important to learn to cope with pressure and to handle responsibility. It is the great goal in life in this world in preparation for reigning and ruling with Christ.

It has been a good but tiring week of being a "helpful" dad and keeping things going. Steve and Donna Watkin's visit was clearly the timing of God. Others have pitched in and really made out family adjustments easier. We are SO BLESSED.

The Lord has truly BLESSED so much of what I've done or wanted out of life. My heart overflows in praise to Him.

June 26, 1983

Now we are three weeks and counting toward July 15th. A loving and miraculous God must come to our aid. HE WILL. And we will praise and honor Him,

A busy week of waiting and trusting. We are adjusting to our new family well—it is just the sleepless nights and the new responsibilities that need to be accommodated.

On the ministry front, it time for a re-grouping and a continual pressing in. We cannot let up, nor can we afford to let down. By God's grace, we will do neither.

Lord Jesus—it is not easy to wait. I'm always wanting to go and do and make things happen. Please teach me how to balance diligence and fervent labor with wise and faithful restraint. I can only learn this from you. I don't know of any mortal human beings that possess these qualities on earth.

*Lord, I deeply desire to be restored to a sense of intimacy and closeness to you. I'm running on sheer principles and character right now. This is good, but it is no substitute for your warm, loving words and acts in my life every day.

Please restore me! Fill me to overflowing, especially during the pressure. This can only honor You.

July 3, 1983

The weekend was relaxing, and it was a special joy to have Mom Cookson come to visit for a few weeks. She is a real help and blessing to Shirley.

*On the 4th of July we had a staff meeting and read altogether the Declaration of Independence. Oh, to comprehend the significance of acts of God such as this in human history. A good and tender time of prayer and praise followed. Freedom is a precious quality to be cherished, guarded and fought for. And we must "stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free." Thank you, Father, for the freedom of our nation.

I'm on my way again...this time back to Texas. Without being melodramatic, I am desperate for God to bear his arm and work a wonderful miracle. All I really know is that He is the One to look to. We must pray and have great hope and faith. And I still need a personal touch from Him.

Dallas, Texas

God's Word has been precious to me these few days as I've traveled around Dallas. John 12 has been quickened to me and especially the phrase, "Glorify Your Name." This is the heart of heart I am praying as we face our C. Street deadline. May our Miraculous God arise, and through it all, GLORIFY HIS NAME.

"And wait for your God continually. I am continually with You... (Hosea 12:6.) "With Your counsel, you will guide me" (Psalm 73:23).

Had an important time tonight with Leland (Paris) at Twin Oaks sharing the vision for building a renewal network in the United States. God is surely leading in this and it is a thrill to see it unfold. Now, Gracious Father, inspire your people to get involved and use them to bring revival in the nation. Help us to move quickly and with long-range determination.

I am looking to You today, My Lord, to be a God of miracles.

During a very good time of praise at **Shady Grove Church on Sunday**, the Lord began to strengthen me with His revelation. It always comes in the atmosphere of praise. It lifts us to “see.” That happened to me for a few encouraging moments:

1. We are in a test of faith. This is the reason the word of the Lord has been so absent.
2. Dallas is a city of great lust and sexual sin, and I really notice this battle when in town.
3. In His time, the Lord will release great resources in our ministry. We must wait on the Lord and prepare to be stewards of great finance.

Houston, Texas

July 10, 1983

To see the salvation of God. This is the final week. I am very weak but learning much about faith. Hebrews 10 and 11 have been a mainstay of the soul for me.

Monday was one of the most frustrating days of my adult life. My trip to Houston was in many ways a bust and all my appointments feel through and that after much labor. It was very discouraging to spend all that money and go all that way. I learned to practice James 1. I realized that we will lose battles, but we will not lose the war. As I was flying back to Dallas, the Lord sweetly encouraged me and told me to hang on. That’s exactly what I’m doing right now. I’m hanging on and worshipping my God.

Dallas, Texas

Psalms 20 was given to me by our staff today. It is a tremendous word that we will continue to hang onto.

*These weeks we’ve really pressed into the Lord and so God’s Word has been very meaningful. Hebrews 10-12 have been so incredibly relevant and inspiring.

Hebrews 11 – wonderful thoughts on the life of faith.

I want to be a MAN OF FAITH. Right now, I’m a man of extreme fatigue, but this does not have to affect my faith before God.

Washington, D.C.

*Isaiah 25 & 26 so ministered to me through these days as we faced our deadline. We took \$45,000 to the lawyers and God moved upon their hearts and they were led to give us a 3-week extension while we pursued some of the major leads of provision that the Lord has led us to.

Three more weeks. Spiritually, I am on tiptoe to see the acts and miracles of God.

July 17, 1983

“Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Isaiah 26 is the great chapter about righteousness in a nation. May it be for the United States to put her trust in the Lord.

Los, Angeles, California

I am on my way to California again. I've rarely been so weary—my voice is gone—and the past few days have been hectic and trying. There seems to be such a wide array of responsibility upon me right now and I am really feeling the “squeeze” from being a father of three and the shortened nights, to the final stages of the birth of a Capitol Hill ministry.

I am so weary, even a little sick, but I know that I am being tested and molded by my Maker into someone He can use. Oh God of miracles, come forth!! I am desperate, desirous, and persevering. Renew my body and especially my inner being. As always, I want to be clean and submitted to You alone.

The Lord has already graced me so far with some divine appointments. One was a meeting with a young revivalist—Al Whittinghill—that was a great blessing. Also, a luncheon with Jerry Nordskog and another time with Marshall Foster, author of the *American Covenant*.

God is doing much through these relationships and I am very thankful. We are putting together important building blocks in Christ's Kingdom.

*Jim Dawson gave me some interesting advice over breakfast yesterday—to look for the young men of my generation in raising up a nationwide network of believers. He believes a changing of the guard is occurring. This is an important point to ponder.

Had some wonderful services today at Calvary Church in Torrance. It was so great to be preaching totally and not doing other things. Preaching is truly my first love and calling.

*There was a good response to the call of revival.

San Francisco, California

I was then off to the Bay area—and had some fruitful days of contacts. Spoke on two television programs and visited some folks including Verna Hall and Rosalie Slater. Day by day the revelation of the “network” for spiritual awakening becomes clearer and clearer to me and the necessary components focused. Our Christian heritage and principles are so important at this point. I have much to chew over and pray through.

But “how sweet to my taste are Your words!” Isaiah 50:7-10: “For the Lord helps me. Therefore, I am not disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like flint. And I know that I shall not be ashamed...Let him trust in the Name of the Lord and rely on his God.”

The last chapters of Isaiah have been filled with revelation for me these days. With my responsibilities as a father as well as the great load in ministry that is so upon me, there is scarcely time to pray and read God’s Word. I am so glad that the Father understands these things and has his spiritual “sweets” to give for instant energy and enjoyment. I sure need them right now.

Washington, D.C.

The weekend was totally set aside to spend precious time with my family. It was very demanding but very good. I am so grateful for the wonderful wife and children that the Lord has given to me.

July 31, 1983

A very important week. My feelings say: “A baby has come to birth and there is no strength to deliver.” My heart says, “I trust in You, O God. Let me not be ashamed! May your wonders be done before the sons of men!

This was kind of a “week of waiting.” I was in Washington, D.C. all week. We prayed and prayed—in fact, we entered a special time of prayer each hour for communion with God.

Lord, this waiting often seems so painful. What a lesson it is to learn to be patient and serene as You must be all the time. Make me like Jesus in this important quality. I know this is primarily learned during times of testing.

The Lord says: “I am with you. Persevere! This truth should be all I ever need.

Seattle, Washington

On Saturday night our whole family flew out to Seattle, and after the Grandpas and Grandmas had whisked the family after, I drove to a nearby hotel to have dinner with Ray MacAnanny. It was out of this time of friendship and sharing that the Lord moved mightily and met our payment need for 133 C. Street. God had clearly laid it on the heart of Ray to give to us \$65,000 and this formed the balance of what we owed.

***So, in five-six months, The Lord Jesus was gracious to provide \$135,000, and this in his own special way and through the people he had ordained.

Praise be to our God Most High.

Salem, Oregon

I drove down to Salem on Sunday evening and arrived late. Then I began my week of speaking, partially to a high school camp, and primarily to a Crossroads Seminar. Though I have been very tired, God's wonderful anointing has been upon me.

Salem is a special place. I always seem to be loved and refreshed here and have so many friends. Though intensely sharing my heart on revival, I am relaxing from some of the other pressures and then greatly looking forward to a "week off" with family next week. I really need it—it's time to come away and rest a while, THEN to earnestly press back into the work.

*My reading has taken me into the book of Jeremiah, which I identify with so strongly. It is prophetic food for me that burns in my bones.

As has been the norm, God gave me a tremendous week at Salem. I was empowered as I spoke and refreshed by the fellowship, rest, and reading.

Salem is truly a place of peace for me.

Now I am so looking forward to a REST with precious time with my family. They really need me, and I need them. Thank you, Father, for so graciously providing this time.

Port Orchard, Washington

*Sunday, August 14. Today was a special day as we dedicated to the Lord David and Bethany at Harper. Many of our family stood with us as well as Craig and Vicki Stead (who are godparents) and their children. (Actually, we are godparents of each other's children.)

This has not been one of the easiest weeks of my life, but it has been refreshing in many ways as we've had an entire week of rest with Grandpa and Grandma Boehme. Basically, I know that You have wanted me, Father, to rest my mind and body, have quality time with my wife and children, also parents, and be refreshed. By your grace, much of this has been accomplished and I am grateful.

Because of the children, the days are long and there are many family responsibilities, but this is a normal part of God's order of life and the wonderful design of family and the perpetuation of the humankind.

It is a definite maturing time for us all, and I am anxious to learn. I want to be a godly, stable, balanced Christian husband and father who raises children that will affect the world for Christ. I desire Nathan, David and Bethany to be far greater witnesses of Christ's glory than I will ever be in my own life. I want mine to count. I want theirs to multiply and excel. By the wisdom and help of God, I shall.

Now I resume my mission on a trip to Mississippi. May the Lord be pleased to bless these efforts for his cause in revival—my life and my goal.

Jackson, Mississippi

On Sunday I preached at Grace Church in Jackson and this extended into a house fellowship meeting in the evening. This was the beginning of some days of ministry to various groups and people. During this time, the Lord has given me an authority in encouragement of personal revival that I have been glad to share with others. It IS my life.

It has been a special blessing to stay with the Jim Roach family. God has opened the doors to various key contacts in the area, and now I must work and wait for the results. Sometimes it is difficult to do that second one!

Every evening I am in the Psalms and looking to God to be my help and deliverer. The bay is ready for delivery and we're looking for the scissors. Daily I cry out. He shall hear my voice.

Gulfport, Mississippi

On Wednesday evening the Lord provided a private plane for me to travel down to Gulfport. [The young pilot was Rick Joiner who later went one to be a well-known prophetic voice in our nation and founder of Morningstar Ministries in 1985.] These and other contacts have really showed me the hand of God in me "seeing America." The greatest anointing I've

ever seen from place to place is the emergence of the “network,” or believers everywhere that I believe can be molded together to bring revival to our nation. My “eyes” are seeing more and more of God’s burden and strategy for reviving America, and I desire with all my heart to do my part.

Had a tremendous time with Frank Watts in Gulfport (Frank was the former head of the FBI in the southern region of the country) at a businessmen’s luncheon attended by over 50 people—and at his church. Fruit will come! Now I’m going home to my family, plan, minister, and prepare for a fall of miracles and opportunities.

Port Orchard, Washington

It’s good now to be home. The results, as always, are in Your hands, O my God. Do what is pleasing in Your sight.

August 28, 1983

I spoke this morning at First Christian Church on having “vision for God.” There was a good response and good fruit will come. God’s Word never returns void. It will accomplish its purpose.

Below is a “mini-teaching” given to me this week that are marks of wisdom out of Proverbs 30:24-28:

- v.25 – Advance preparation
- v.26 - Secure housing or properties
- v.27 – Disciplined unity
- v. 28 – Infiltration and access.

The rest of the week has been a combination of time with family, rest, friends, work, and some ministry. I am being refreshed and am very thankful. I am also ready to head home and continue our missions work.

I have had some time to work on the NATIONAL NETWORK concept and am very excited about implementing it. It will go nowhere without God’s blessing, but if it is of Him, it may be the most significant thing that YWAM Washington D.C. ever does, built around four pillars:

- Unity
- Prayer
- Reformation
- Evangelism & Missions.

It is a wholistic concept that really draws the Body of Christ together to labor broadly for spiritual awakening and its effects. I am very excited and ready—the years of strong activity are ahead.

Thank you, Father, for a vision to seek, a God to love, family to share it with, friend to enjoy, and strength and health to act.

Garden Valley, Texas

As I've always anticipated, the North American Staff Conference was a tremendous blessing from God. The word of the Lord has been rich and full—very convicting in many ways as I've seen my spiritual shallowness and lack of stability and maturity. It was encouraging, on the other hand, that a Great God's strength can be perfected in my weakness and that He has much in store for those who love Him.

It was a great honor to join the North America Council [of leaders] at the conference. Today I am much aware of my unworthiness in being in this group—and have much to pray about regarding fitting in and being the addition God would have me to be. It is all by his grace.

During the conference, Nick Savoca, Denny Gunderson and I were commissioned into the leadership of the North American Council. This is a great honor and privilege and I am humbled by the grace of God. Here are some of the thoughts that came forth as hands were laid upon me:

1. Confirmed my prophetic ministry and prayed for great extension of it.
2. I was to be a Daniel in the government sphere and an Elijah encountering the prophets of Baal.
3. Prayed for a new boldness in the Spirit.
4. I have been doing Proverbs 23:15 and must continue to do so. With this, God is pleased.

This has been a very rich and full time. I should say that it has been a time of 1) richness in revelations from God, 2) some leadership frustrations and decisions, 3) personal disappointments in myself, and 4) wonderful times with friends, 5) Enough vision to last a lifetime, let alone a year, 6) some necessary corrections and rebuke, 7) tremendous teaching, and 8) great hospitality in a lovely setting.

[We were also able to have a second YWAM baby dedication up front with both David and Bethany.]

I am grateful to you, Mighty Father, for allowing me into your kingdom and attaching me to YWAM. I will be forever humbled and grateful.

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE NOTES

I'll try to summarize the points of perspective and obedience that came out of our tremendous time together at Twin Oaks Ranch.

1. The Lord spoke clearly on 1) the coming revival (locusts) and strategy (John Conlan).
2. God's heart toward abortion and the necessary alternatives.
3. Being people of vision, humble trust in God through delays and Christ-centered on "holy ground."
4. Specific vision was given for: 1) **the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles**, 2) The Caribbean outreach in 1984-85, 3) PACU [now University of the Nations], and 4) Central America.
5. These points of obedience come to mind:
 - a. The "network" is from God. Pursue it in His way and timing.
 - b. Theme's of the 80's to preach: **destiny and militancy**.
 - c. Get our base involved in **Wally Wenge's "Gleanings" program**.
 - d. Pray about winter outreaches—El Salvador, and Hawaii with the Anastasis.
 - e. Our commitment to PACU--\$9000 and 10 workers.
 - f. Made personal pledge of \$500 to Mission Air.
 - g. Opportunities to get buses through Bill Burtness and Wick Nease.
 - h. We must see the 133 C. Street vision all the way through.
 - i. My priorities this year must be my people (shepherd the flock), my schedule, then new vision.
 - j. We must prepare for the Caribbean Basin Outreach—which nations?
 - k. Over the next two years, we must trailblaze two countries not yet reached by YWAM.
 - l. Being chosen for the North American Council, I determine to be humble, be myself (not so jokey), and really encouraged the group to be more serious and prayerful. It is an honor to serve with them.

We finished the conference with a good family day of rest here in Texas. The refreshment was much needed.

Washington, D.C.

September 12, 1983

We returned home today to begin the work anew. Again, it was quite a sight and ordeal to travel with Nathan and our twins, but God gave us the grace and strength to go through. I am very happy to be home to fight the good fight.

An angel sent from God, **our new “nanny”—Kim Martin**—arrived today. She has already become a very personal blessing from **our Savior who cares for us in all the details of our lives**. Praise His Great Name.

Rockcastle, Virginia

The rest of the week sped by quickly. Had a good trip to Rockcastle on Saturday and I began to lay a foundation for the growth of that ministry.

*I face many pressures and needs—almost seems like too much for me to handle. But I have determined to follow Jesus and there is no turning back until the vision is realized and God is pleased.

Washington, D.C.

*2 Chronicles 6 – especially verse 13.

God gave us a good staff meeting tonight or renewed and understanding hearts and much revelation from Himself. **Listening to Don Stephen’s tape “Doing God’s Work God’s Way”** was a special blessing.

One thing that was especially emphasized to me by the Holy Spirit was the importance of making 133 C Street truly God’s dream or plan—not altering it to cater to people. I have been tempted to do this, especially because of financial considerations. I will not, by his strength and grace.

We will also let ending the “delays” to let “Lazarus come forth” at exactly the right time. Nothing will hold him back.

*Psalm 31 was very much quickened to me recently. I sure need God’s words as the “anchor of my soul.” May he revive my in his truth and strengthen me by his love. May his deliverance come. I will mediate more on this chapter.

On Saturday morning I spoke on “Personal Revival: The Knowledge of Sin and the Knowledge of God” at a **Here’s Life [Campus Crusade—led by Spencer Brand] retreat**, and the Lord blessed the word. It is so important that works like ours have strong links of love between us. God is really moving in Campus Crusade—a girl staff member shared with me that they no longer ban speaking in tongues in private devotions. She also expressed a real hunger to learn how to worship God. His Church is being built!

The remainder of the weekend was a pleasant time with my family. They are so important to me...

Hammonton, New Jersey

September 25, 1983

This evening I traveled to Hammonton, New Jersey to speak to our YWAM community there for a few days. The Lord laid a meditation on my heart out of James 1:2-4 that I believe was “grabbed onto.” Praise His Name! His words are food to our souls.

As I prayed this morning over “innocent amusements” in my life such as sports, the Lord spoke to me and said, “You can have these things in your life and be a Christian. But you cannot have them and be a revivalist.”

Today both Shirley and I are praying for our staff by name, and I had a very good and fruitful time in Hammonton.

Washington, D.C.

I returned to Washington, D.C. a bit sick and a little tired. The next few days I had little time with God and sure felt the pressure and seeming stagnancy of our current team situation. We seem to still be experiencing death of a vision—and I felt the Lord really confirmed this to me during a walk with Shirley.

We must die to everything—expectations, reputation, good works, dreams, hopes, ministry expansion, housing—everything—until the “kernel of wheat” comes forth to bloom. This has been the deepest lesson of my life.

In my heart I know that its completion will be one of the greatest JOYS.

*Now to spend a family day waiting on the promises of God.

October 2, 1983

This is a week of some of the toughest decisions in my life and a time of great pressures. My cry is to Heaven for deliverance and victory. Here’s one encouragement that was given to me (from “Come Away My Beloved” page 129:

“In a multitude of tests, you will learn courage. It matters not the price you pay, but at any cost you must obtain strength of character and the fortitude to endure.”

“I would build your resources until you are able to carry unusually heavy loads and withstand intense pressures. You shall thus become an Ambassador of the Kingdom of Heaven to whom I can assign critical missions, being confident that you are equipped to fulfill them.”

“It shall be in vain if you anticipate resting in a comfortable place. Zion is already filled with those who are at ease. No, you shall find yourself put in a place of training and discipline so that when the moments of crisis come, you will not become faint-hearted, and you will not become the victim of unwanted fear.”

“Trust my instructions in all of this as you have in different types of past experiences. I am faithful and loving and I am doing this in order that you may meet the future days and not be found wanting.”

A difficult week ends on a peaceful and good note. After much agonizing over my decision to go or not go to Europe, The Lord clearly showed me a compromise solution—going to honor my commitment and meet other needs, and shortening my trip to come back to Washington, D.C. priorities.

The Lord really spoke to me out of Proverbs 23:15: “My son, if your heart is wise, my own heart will be glad.”

I believe my choice is one of wisdom. In faith, I go to honor you in all things, O God. I need your healing, filling and fruitfulness.

Altensteig (Black Forest), Germany

October 9, 1983

It is great to be back in Europe—Germany. After a long and tiring trip and a good night’s sleep, I find myself in Altensteig and ready to share the things of God. It is a great privilege to be a mouthpiece of the Living God.

*Today (October 10) is Shirley’s and my 7th anniversary. Though we are thousands of miles apart, we are ever becoming closer and deeply committed in love to one another.

*I will say special prayers for this special person in my life on this special day.

Had a very good week at Altensteig speaking to a School of Evangelism (SOE) of about twenty students. I really felt God’s anointing and the word was well received, though not with great outward demonstration.

*On Wednesday I had a tremendous time of prayer, especially for Germany as I walked through the Black Forest. God gave me a real “picture” of Germany being “filled” with scores of Herrnhuts (the Moravian community). But every villa was a place of prayer and a haven for sending missionaries. Why not? Nothing is impossible with God.

After finishing on Friday, we traveled through Tubingen to see Volker Emgen and the YWAM work there. It is a great university city where God is doing a good work through the fellowship. It was also refreshing to visit Hurlach. I have had a nice combination of times with friends and times with Jesus.

After talking with Shirley last night, I was feeling the heaviness of the many pressures we face now: 1) Speaking in Europe, 2) Our need to find a new home, [Bonnie Gloth had decided to sell our condo in Shirlington and realtors were trapesing through every day] 3) 133 C. Street etc.

So, I decided to take a good prayer walk in the cool of the late evening.

PRAYER WALK NOTES

My prayer walk turned out to be a precious and meditative time on the goodness of God and His glimpse into the future.

First, I deeply thanks Him for his wonderous acts in my own life—ever since I came to Germany almost ten years ago. I arrived young, somewhat confused, spiritually unclean, full of questions, with no wife, children, calling, nation or city.

Now, ten years later I have grown. He's made me clean, so many of my questions have been answered, I have a wonderful wife, children, a clear calling in ministry, to a nation and to a city.

Hallelujah! O the faithfulness of God! He answered prayers from this very place. His mercies are great to behold.

As I contemplated these things, it became pretty easy for me to now trust God for the situation that we face. He has not changed. I was to count it all joy.

I was led to read Psalm 69: “I have come into deep waters” and need of a Savior. His Name is Jesus.

I believe the Lord gave me a few specifics about our situation. We are to plant ourselves in Virginia and become Virginians. It is the state of “statesmen” and we are to share in this destiny. We are to live in the Virginia suburbs and not in Washington as Jesus stayed in Bethany, not in Jerusalem. It will be a place of “rest” and from here we’ll go into the city and teach.

As a ministry, we are to be in Washington, D.C. (Community Center), Virginia (cluster of homes—for hospitality?) and Maryland (School of Evangelism?).

Now to pray and seek His face and await His miracles.

Madrid, Spain

October 16, 1983

*My goal for this week is to minister in the power of the Holy Spirits and develop a godly burden and understanding of Spain.

After a frustrating extra day in Germany, we are on our way to Spain—a European country I have not yet traveled or ministered in. Praise the Lord for the privilege.

Our time in Germany was a good one, and the time in Hurlach was memorable and helpful for doing some work. I miss my family very much, but we will again be united and continue our faith walk with Christ.

*Lord, give me your words for your people in Espana.

It has been a great blessing to be in Spain. Up until last night, I had not felt a great liberty, but last evening the Lord broke through as I ministered in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and was used to release faith among the community. On this entire trip, God has given me a spirit of great boldness. How I want to see this used to bring precious souls to Him!

Ministry went on late into the evening. It was a joy and a privilege to pray for many. Now to continue ministering the word and growing in God's burden for this nation and part of the world.

*My last session on Friday night (which included some guests) was on the “America burden” and God gave a powerful anointing and time of application to the entire group. It was also used to really draw our YWAM bases together. Praise the Lord!

On Saturday we got to see some of Spain—traveled out into the country, had dinner in a Spanish home, came back and “saw” Madrid—a great city in the earth. Had a great time of sharing with Bob Lichy. Our hearts and minds were increasingly joined together for revival.

Lausanne, Switzerland

Early Sunday morning we flew on to Switzerland where we arrived on schedule, had lunch, got some sleep, and then I spoke to the community in the evening on “Pride.” Though I was tired, it was well received, and the Lord encouraged me to walk in His “humility.” I now need freshness and strength from God to finish my course and accomplish God's will for this trip. Help me to do this, my King and my God! My life is in Your hands.

*The week in Switzerland began slow, and I felt in the beginning s if I was speaking to a stone wall. In prayer, The Lord showed me there was a “barrier.” As I searched my heart, the Lord showed me the problem was not me. I needed to continue to boldly share God’s Word. And so, I did, and the Holy Spirit really began to break out among us. By week’s end there was much liberty. I was counseling people all day and many gifts—even deliverances—took place.

*For this trip, I poured my life into 200-250 young people. It is one of the best investments I can make. These people will live forever and be used of God to change the world.

*What have I learned from this time in Europe:

1. That I have a call to the nations and am to minister God’s word broadly.
2. I have been rebuked and encouraged to lead our ministry into evangelism. This has been a wonderful revelation.
3. Much revelation has come about nations, history, and the ways of God.

Thank you, My King and my God for this glorious privilege of serving You!! It is my heart, my life, my joy, my hope.

Hallelujah.

Washington, D.C.

October 30, 1983

It has been quite a week back at home—good in many ways and heavy in others. Lord, I am appreciating your miracles and your dealings at this moment in our lives. First:

1. The miracle – God has provided our family with our first real home. He sovereignly led us to it at 3212 Kensington Street in Arlington. We were the first ones to see this 5-bedroom home when it came on the market. It had everything that we wanted. In amazement, we watched the Hand of God give us favor in all ways—from our Christian agent (Annette Kratz) who prayerfully led us to the home; The owners who were conscientious and who liked us; The many prayers that were answered! Hallelujah! Lord Jesus, we are tearfully grateful and give honor and praise to You for this provision.
2. The tests have mainly centered in the relationships of people and leaders who are close to me. In some ways, for the first time, I’ve felt the sense of betrayal or disloyalty in potentially serious ways. Now I’m realizing that God is doing this to truly expose weakness in my own life as well as to test and refine my leadership. I have much to pray

about, but I feel very confident in the strength and direction of the Lord. He has been the God of my life and will not fail me now in this very important season.

November 6, 1983

It has been an extremely busy and diverse week for me here at home. There are so many things that are on my mind, I feel pulled in many directions. Much of this is simply the result of the blessings of God—like our new home—and the other is more in the area of testing.

The Lord knows we need both and He gives them in accord with His love. How I love Him!

In one sense I feel that I am, at best, just “hanging on” right now. At least I know WHO I must hand onto.

One very difficult decision for me this week was the giving up of direct leadership over Rockcastle. I made the decision after much prayer and some time with Greg and Ramona (Musch). I do not believe this is the Lord’s ideal, but He clearly showed me it had to be done to break up the current “logjam” of leadership and direction.

I’ve really felt like a parent who gives birth to a baby and then is denied the right of raising the child because he is adopted out to another. This has been painful for me, but I have a deep sense of rightness in the decision. I believe it is the decision that will encourage the greatest freedom and potential for our work in Washington and provide the greatest incentive for us and Rockcastle to be one.

Through it, I have learned some valuable lessons in leadership and humility that I deeply want to heed and apply.

*Lord, I praise you for your mercies today and your promise of a future and a hope. As I fast and pray for America, I look to You to continue and spread the revival of Your truth. Thank you for tying yourself to us in prayer. I want to be faithful to You.

November 13, 1983

It has been a very busy week once again, but one attended with much blessing from the Lord.

We have continued to prepare for the move to our new home and the Lord has really blessed us. He has allowed us to purchase some things and to make some wise choices regarding furniture, carpet, and other things that we have never had before.

All in all, we need about \$5000 to move into the new place. This will allow us to basically furnish it and begin to make it home.

While this has been going on, some significant things have been taking place. They are evidences of God's coming revival, and the excitement mounts within me that it is truly upon the horizon.

One is the Reagan Campaign Advisory Council of Christian Leaders that has been formed. It is a working fellowship of about twelve men chaired by Tim LaHaye that will be giving input and preparing possible appointments for the hopeful election and new administration of President Reagan. It is an honor and privilege to serve on this working group.

Also, during the week there was a National Prayer Summit of about 200 prayer leaders held at Airlie House. It was a tremendous time of intercession and focus on prayer for revival. There was much praying and less teaching. This was a display of wonderful priorities.

I didn't get to attend much but was thrilled with what I did see. God is preparing to pour out His Spirit. I want to be ready and waiting for Him.

Rockcastle, Virginia

November 20, 1983

I spoke all weekend to a small retreat at Rockcastle the Lord blessed His Word. I was very tired, but also willing to speak for the Lord Jesus. On Sunday evening, I ministered at the Sunday night Community Service and especially encouraged the staff and students to "Watch and Pray." Out of a few thoughts that God gave to me, a message has been brewing. I am now looking forward to a week with my family and a good time of REVIVAL with the DTS.

This week at the DTS has gone well. The students have been responsive to the word of the Lord, and increasingly I have known the "unction" of the Holy Spirit. On Wednesday the Lord allowed me to minister to many students on the subject of "Pride." Many of them were set free from attitudes, fears and bondages. Praise the Lord for His Power.

I also thank you, Lord Jesus, for the good time with Greg and Ramona and the RELEASING of the Rockcastle base. I give it to YOU—and ask You to fulfill your dreams and visions. I will be faithful to speak and do my part.

Glorious Thanksgiving! Father, we feast on Your Beauty and Goodness.

*You have been showing me that this is "the calm before the storm." From prosperity and abundance, the world is to plunge into difficulty and despair. Ready Your Church, Lord Jesus, to testify to the world during this time.

*And I thank you for the very meaningful **Staff Retreat** that you have allowed us to have. In the deep brokenness and tears that you brought to my own life as well as others, some strong ties of love, understanding and loyalty were forged. May this new team strength carry us through into victory. I am exhausted, but hopeful to move ahead.

Washington, D.C.

November 27, 1983

“Men may misjudge your aim, think that they have cause to blame, and say that you are wrong. Keep on the quiet way, Christ is the judge—not they. Fear not. Be strong!

***During the tests of life of the past months, the previous quotation has been a great inspiration. I fell like I’ve been purged and tested on all sides—even in the realm of close personal friends. Oh, to learn godly endurance and perseverance!** Then I would be “perfect and complete lacking in nothing.” Praise God I am learning. By faith I will.

*This week saw some important happenings.

1. **On Monday our family moved into our new home at 3212 Kensington St. in Arlington. This is God’s ordering and we are so grateful. This is our first real home after seven years of marriage and three children.**
2. **On Sunday I spoke in both morning and evening services at Evangel Temple.** The Lord blessed the word, and we are looking forward to a great release in evangelism and missions from E.T.
3. I am now writing while flying again—a favorite habit.

*Lord--You alone know how exhausted, dry, barren, and pressured I feel. And only You can develop me to stand and to conquer. I am so weak. Make me yet strong in faith. Raise me up to pursue the high and inevitable calling...I trust You.

Port Orchard, Washington

December 4, 2020

After a **good weekend retreat with some folks at First Christian Church**, I traveled to Salem—one of my favorite YWAM places—for a time of ministry.

Salem, Oregon

It turned out to be a very good week with both the DTS and the SOE. There were great waves of conviction, a sense of the fear of God, and many changed lives.

I gave my message “The Wages of Sin” one morning as instructed by the Lord. With almost no preparation, the Lord gave me a terrific anointing in tears and understanding. What a tremendous lesson—that “our adequacy is from God.”

In a conversation last night with Duane Rawlins and Marty Berry, a couple possible points of revelation or obedience crossed my mind:

1. I really need to consider videotaping some of my teaching series for wider distribution.
2. I need to pray about doing a regular “video” from Washington, D.C. to help “update” the church in the nation about what’s happening in the capital city. This could so easily be a part of the “National Network.”

The week ended on a good note of revelation and I drove north.

Port Orchard, Washington

On Friday night Shirley and I hosted our first ever Missions Banquet in Port Orchard at Harper Church. About seventy people were in attendance and the Lord richly blessed the time. Graham Kerr [The Galloping Gourmet—now a YWAM food/micro-farm leader] was our featured speaker and I also expressed the burden of my heart.

*I praise You, Father, for this gathering of support and concern in our hometown. We are humbled and encouraged. Thank you for each one who has prayed and given support to our work. Once again, your great faithfulness has been seen.

December 11, 1983

After a three-year absence [due to pastoral changes and support] I spoke to my home church at Harper last night on “A Calm Before the Storm: Watch and Pray.” It was well received though quiet and outwardly non-responsive. Lord—may your light awaken Harper to its true potential in revival.

And now, all week long, I have been “teaching the disciples” in Tacoma at the YWAM base. I am very tired from many days of ministry now (as well as other factors such as babies waking up at night!) but I have seen the sustaining grace of God again and again.

When I am tired and weak, the Lord Jesus always reveals his great strength. His anointing is always present, even when I am devoid of emotion. The anointing of God is a precious gift. I can't minister life and power—it is the Holy Spirit that controls that flow.

*One thing that I have realized from the time at home is that from now on I am not to view my time in Washington State as a vacation. It is a time to raise support for our work and to minister extensively. I now have a new outlook on it and am excited for the future. I believe God wants me to speak prophetically to this state and I rejoice to obey.

And in a few weeks, we celebrate the birth of the Savior and I personally celebrate my 10th anniversary of joining YWAM. What a joy and privilege.

December 18, 1983

I spoke briefly at Peninsula Christian Fellowship this morning. It is a good new church in Gig Harbor—part of what God is doing in “new ways” in this area. Dennis Fuqua is the pastor and I am looking forward to developing a good relationship.

I have spent this week on the “breakfast circuit” in keeping with our personal support base. The Lord has strongly urged me to be faithful to strengthen our personal finances so that I can give myself with single heart to no competing anxieties to the work of the ministry.

Through Bishop John Meares of Evangel Temple some months back, the Lord has impressed this related truth upon me: “A man cannot be effective in ministry who is struggling with his personal finances.”

*This is a true point of wisdom and I am giving attention to it. The Lord has been SO good to use and is providing for us abundantly. *Father, we are deeply grateful.

December 25, 1983 (Christmas)

Our final days on the west coast were good ones, spent at my parents and fully packed with the duties of family. It is a great joy to see our moms and dads so fulfilled and joyful about being grandparents. What a wonderful part of God's design.

Washington, D.C.

*The rest of the week went quickly, and we came back to Washington, D.C. on Friday—very tired of busyness and the responsibilities of parenting three little ones, but also very excited about moving into our new home together. That's what we've been doing for the past few days. It is a difficult task with the lack of sleep and many pressures, but it is so clearly the timing of the Lord.

**I end 1983 extremely weary and stretch beyond normal strength, but I know that “this too shall pass soon, and we will move on in the victories of God.”

We need them greatly and I NEED You my Wonderful Savior and King to revive my tired body and mind and rise to the challenge of 1984. May it be a year of joy and praise. Thank you for giving me thirty years of life. I am yours to the end and want to give MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST.