

# The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1992

## Port Orchard, Washington

*January 13, 1992 - 14,134 - 16,057*

After a whirlwind December, I began the year a little on the “down” side. There are various reasons for it:

- The natural let-down after the Christmas season.
- Some very heavy counseling situations that I am currently in. One involves a demonic force that has really lashed out at me personally.
- An uneasiness over the future of the Revive America project: WILL IT ACTUALLY COME TO PASS?
- The spiritual warfare associated with finishing my book on "Destiny." I am struggling with my own sense of fulfillment and destiny.

The key to it all is to continue to obey the Lord in all that he gives me to do. I can't control the future--nor would I desire to. I CAN keep my heart inclined toward him and doing the things he places before me. In that I can be content.

Yesterday I gave a pretty strong revival message at First Christian Church and the Lord brought a gracious response to the message. Many people came forward to seek the Lord for personal revival, and one young girl named Jennifer gave her life to the Lord. The response could have been much greater, but I don't think that we are ready yet.

It still is difficult for me to share in my home church. It's so much easier to be a prophet elsewhere. But I thank God for this opportunity--and will continue to pray and labor for spiritual awakening on the home front.

*January 17, 1992 - 14,138 - 16,053*

I am now deeply into finishing the "Destiny" manuscript and doing much better. Once I have gotten into the flow of it, the Lord has strengthened me and given me some vision for the coming months and year. Lord - help me to finish this book and the "Daddy" manuscript and then move on to your other priorities this year. May both books be mightily anointed by you--far beyond my insights or writing ability. I pray that your truths would touch thousands of lives through them.

- May thousands be propelled into their God-given destinies.
- And may thousands of fathers be restored to their children.

I do thank you, Lord Jesus, for the ministry of the written word. It is effectual and lasting. Help me to be effective and faithful in it. In a few days I'll be leaving for my annual trip to Washington D.C. I'm greatly looking forward to renewing many friendships there and participating in the various events. Lord--please guide me every hour with your hand upon me.

## Washington, D.C.

*January 28, 1992 - 14,149 - 16,042*

It has been a great trip to the nation's capital. When I flew in down the "chute" of the Potomac and viewed the beauty of the monuments and the bright city lights before landing at National Airport, I knew that **my heart was still attached to this great city**. Now that my trip is almost over, I can only look back on a week of memorable moments:

- On Thursday I enjoyed good fellowship with Jay Grimstead and the leaders of his **national network movement**.
- Then Friday I rode the metro down to Capitol Hill to visit 133 C St. First, I took a prayer walk around the capital--trying to spend some time in prayer on the western steps--but finding the entire side blocked off due to construction. I circled the block in prayer and reflection and then headed for C St. One word that God spoke to me during the walk: **"Someday you will return here in triumph, not humiliation and defeat."**

At our old ministry headquarters Tom Tarrants met me. The building is now 95% complete (they've had a rough time as we had). It looks good and is being used for many of the original visions that God gave us there. It warmed my heart to see God's faithfulness to His visions and plans.

**Tom told me that recently he had spoken to a couple of ladies who had stood in front of this building during the seventies and prayed that God would use it for ministry. What a thrill it was to hear this news! We HAD heard from God. He DID honor our obedience. Then he turned the vision over to those He had chosen to bring it to completion.**

**The center is now coordinated by Cong. Tony Hall of Ohio, Jim Slattery of Missouri, and Frank Wolf of Virginia. Most of the funds for it were given by a Detroit businessman named Mike Timmus. Soon it will be in full operation. Praise the Lord.**

In the afternoon I met with Corinthia Boone and talked about the upcoming National Day of Prayer. I will pray about being in D.C. during that time. Late afternoon she buzzed me out to the new site of Evangel Church (formerly Evangel Temple). It's a gorgeous facility situated on 400 lovely acres in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. It's a great church for the kingdom.

Saturday was a good day for visiting friends. Had a great visit with Ray MacAnanny in

Fredericksburg, then a short visit with Rick Fraser. After a nice visit with Paul and Marcy Griffo in Dumphries, I got caught in a beautiful winter snow that turned Route 234 into a giant parking lot. Took me 2 and one-half hours to go 10 miles. I finally arrived at Roger and Mary Cresswell's and had a good--but shortened visit.

Sunday. I shared at Christian Assembly. After the service, a woman told me that last year I had prayed for her father who had cancer--and soon thereafter he had gone back to the doctors and the cancer was gone. God is so faithful--and her story sure encouraged my heart.

In the afternoon I attended a board meeting of the International Bible Reading Association, and then watched the Washington Redskins demolish the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl 26. Mark and Nancy Siljander invited me to view with them on their 8 by 15-foot screen. It was like being in a theater. Mark is running for a new seat in Congress. I told him to remember me in his cabinet when he becomes President in the future.

The meetings at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention began on Monday. This was the first year in a decade that YWAM did not have a booth. At 10:30 pm. I took my turn at the Bible Marathon that was taking place at the hotel. How meaningful it was to me to step to the podium and begin my turn in Isaiah 53 - the chapter on the suffering servant. I read for 30 minutes, covering those great chapters on revival, evangelism, "Rise and shine," rebuilding the walls, and being an intercessor. I finished at Isaiah 64. It was a moving time. There is something very powerful about the public reading of God's Word.

At noon the Lord sovereignly arranged for me to get into the Presidential luncheon without buying a \$35 ticket. I was praying that I would meet Ben Armstrong [president of the NRB]--minutes later I ran into him--and he arranged for me to get a press pass. It was good to hear President Bush speak for the 5th straight year. His words were warm and personal--not as stiff and out of place as in previous years. What a job it is to be president of this land. What an awesome responsibility and incredible challenge.

In the evening I dined with Derrel Emmerson then enjoyed great fellowship and prayer with the Christian Assembly elders. It was very uplifting.

My last day here has been busy. This morning I taped three radio broadcasts with Charles and Dottie Schmidt of Emmanuel Church in Wheaton and enjoyed lunch with them. Then I finished up my meetings at the NRB. I've committed myself to help organize a Bible Marathon at the Barcelona Olympics this summer and help export the movement via our YWAM teams into many nations. God - give me your favor to accomplish this task.

Tomorrow I return home. Thank you, Lord, for this rich visit with friends and time of renewal of my vision for the nation and the world. Help me to be obedient to do your will. I want to settle for nothing less than a life that is expended for your kingdom and that accomplishes your destiny in this generation.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*March 11, 1992 - 14,192 - 15,999*

It seems hard to believe that I have been away from my journal for 43 days. That's practically a sin. Much of this time I have been working on my "Destiny" book manuscript. It is coming along well. When things don't get too busy, I'm able to write about 2 chapters a week. May God use it the way he intends.

Today has been a down day following some discouraging meetings yesterday. We are having some problems with our Kings Kids ministry. Some are blaming me for those difficulties, and the accusations have been hard to take.

Oh, the trials of leadership. It's a lonely realm to operate in. Lord, teach me to be humbler and wiser in my leadership responsibilities. And take a bad situation and bring your desired good out of it.

*March 26, 1992 - 14,207 - 15,984*

A few days ago, we had our 7th annual Renewal '92 meeting, for the first time hosted at First Christian Church. This year's special guest was Dean Sherman. After days of apprehension about it, the Lord put it together, and I believe he was honored by all that took place. Here are some of the highlights:

- We had about 35 people come for the Leadership Briefing beforehand. Bob Oke and Dean both shared with the group and we gave them a gift of four books as a small way to help strengthen them in their leadership roles.
- About 160 people attended the main meeting. This was the first time that we did it in a service format. It worked okay, but the turn-out was disappointing to me. After praying and thinking about, I believe that "banquets" are a bit better for this type of thing.
- The meeting included a lot of fun things: a telephone hook-up with Carlye Hunt who was away at DTS--thoroughly embarrassed and excited her parents, a fun recognition of the ministries of Youth For Christ and Young Life, great worship, the dynamism of the Kings Kids and a number of great testimonies.
- Afterwards there was a dessert fellowship. All-in-all, it was a great time.

This year's meeting was the first one we've done that strictly highlighted YWAM's ministry and did not focus on Shirley and me. I believe this was good and helped to broaden our Revive America support base in the area. I especially appreciated the help and encouragement of Rick Best and Ken Morrison. Their roles as advisors and friends to the ministry is a great blessing.

Now that this event is over, I can get back to finishing the Destiny book, and then gearing up for our next project--the March for Jesus in May.

My continual prayer is that I don't just stay busy for Jesus, **BUT THAT I DO THE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE THE GREATEST IMPACT FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.** I don't want to do good things: I want to do **THE BEST** that will honor and please him.

## Bremerton, Washington

*\*\*\*March 31, 1992 - 14,212 - 15,979*

What a wonderful day. **Ryan Edward Boehme, born at 12:20 a.m., 8 pounds, 14 ounces, 21 and 3/4 inches long** (the identical weight and length of Nathan when he was born). God has blessed me with "My Three Sons" and two lovely daughters. My quiver gets fuller. Praise the Lord.

It's amazing to me how God has destined these children to be born. **In the case of every one of our children, God clearly spoke to us in some way as to what kind of being he was going to bring into the world.**

Months ago, God showed Shirley in a dream that he wanted us to have a boy--and one that would have her darker hair and coloring. I felt the same also, and even wrote in the dedication to my book on "Destiny" about "Ryan"--clearly 3 months before he was born.

His name means "**Little King/Prosperous Guardian.**" What an incredible destiny is in store for him. I really feel that he may be the greatest leader that will come out of our family. That's why he was born. God has some great purposes for him.

His arrival was relatively easy. After going over our due date by the normal two-three days, Shirley went into labor on Monday evening about 8 p.m. About 10:30 p.m. we left for the hospital, arriving about 11:00. Dr. Dan Diamond, our Christian obstetrician, arrived about 11:45 pm. complete with his catcher's mitt! He said he was ready to catch the ball.

Though Shirley was 10 centimeters dilated by then, Ryan was still quite high in the birth canal. While Dr. Diamond took a break, my dear wife pushed for about 40 minutes to move him down and I prayed like mad during every contraction. About 12:15 a.m. on the morning of the 31st, with her hand tightly clutching mine, Shirley bore down and her water broke. Ryan was now free to come forth.

Only problem was, Dr. Diamond wasn't back. Arriving nervously in the room, he told Shirley to hold back and "pant" while he feverishly put on his gloves. A few moments later,

Shirley pushed out our beautiful new baby boy with reddened skin, a good head of fine dark hair, and what appears to be one of his mother's features. As Shirley cradled him in our lap, Dr. Diamond led us in prayer as we committed him to the Lord and his purposes for his life.

**It was a special moment. There is nothing like it in all our earthly experience.**

After a brief twelve hour stay at the hospital, mother and baby are now home. The four older children just adore Ryan and are getting into hourly arguments as to who gets to hold him. We seem to have plenty of helpers for this little guy. Hopefully, he will not lack for godly role models and big brothers and sisters to look up to and emulate.

While at the hospital yesterday, God reminded me of **the shortness of life and the constant change of the generations of people**. While Ryan was ushering in a new generation of Boehmes on the second floor, on the ground level a long-time friend of ours--Letha Jaeger--at age 85--was preparing to move on into eternity, her earthly life at an end. Letha had suffered a heart attack on Thursday, and with family around her, was in intensive care just waiting for the end.

I went in to see her for a few minutes and prayed with her and her son David. Her eyes lit up as I mentioned the birth of Ryan. Soon, she was back asleep, not looking to begin this life with Ryan, but a new one in heaven with the Lord Jesus, her husband, and many other loved ones.

God spoke to me so deeply through this stark earthly contrast. **One is born. Another dies. Life is so short, so temporal, so fragile.**

The only constant is the great and abiding love and reality of God. He is the God of the generations. We come and go. But God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. No wonder Moses could exclaim in Psalm 90:

*"Our lifetime is seventy years. If we are strong, we may live to be eighty. But the years are filled with hard work and pain. They pass quickly, and then we are gone...Lord...Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may become wise."*

"You are God. You have always been, and you will always be."

## **Port Orchard, Washington**

*May 4, 1992 - 14,246 - 15,945*

Time has flown the past month. Much time has been spent on the "Destiny" book. It is nearly finished. I pray that God will use it.

A few days ago, following a court verdict in Los Angeles in which four white policemen were acquitted of beating a black arrest suspect, the nation erupted in violence. Below is a letter I sent to our supporters that shares by heart for both the sin our nation, and the revival that we so badly need:

Dear Friends,

I'm deeply troubled over the riots that have taken place in Los Angeles, as I'm sure all of you are. When I first began to hear the news reports, then saw what was happening on television, my heart just sank as I pondered the meaning of it all. How could people do such a thing after hearing a trial verdict? Is America so far gone, that anarchy now can reign in our streets?

The more I listened to commentators and talk shows about the reaction to the Rodney King case, the more saddened I became over the lack of truth and clear thinking. Everyone seemed to be in a muddle. One person said, "Well, there really isn't any answer to this." The talk show host then agreed.

What pitiful nonsense. Of course, there are answers. It's just that the world has become blinded to the source of all our answers--God and his word. And until we turn to Him--and admit our great need for forgiveness and revival, the darkness will continue to grow around us.

Some things are abundantly clear about this national tragedy:

1. Justice was not rendered in the trial verdict. For anybody who has eyes to see, it was clear that the police used excessive force. The jurors obviously were led to conclude otherwise through legal technicalities and verbal smokescreens. We ought to scream out that the system needs to change.
2. Rodney King is a bad man. He should have been arrested, strongly and forcefully. We should not view him solely as a victim. He broke the law. However, the policeman broke it too by excessive force.
3. The issue here is not race. Wrong is wrong, sin is sin no matter what color a person's skin is. The over-emphasis on race motivation is a Satanic tactic to dodge the issue of moral absolutes. Rodney King was wrong. The policeman who beat him up were wrong. The rioters were wrong. They all SINNED. That's how God sees it--and so should we.
4. The rioting and looting following the unjust verdict is just as evil as the police brutality. There is no just cause or reason for it. We are always going to be treated unjustly in life. But when we are treated unfairly, does that give us a "right" to get out our guns and kill innocent people and ransack businesses? Never.

Many commentators have implied that the black community is justified in their reaction. We are told that we need to "understand" their outrage. That's a lie--and Martin Luther King Jr.,

for one, would tell them so. No person ever has a right to do wrong. Speak out--yes. Protest--yes. March for justice--yes. But rob, loot, kill, and burn? NEVER--regardless of how long the injustices have been perpetrated. My own ancestors--the Bohemian brethren--were hunted, tortured, burned at the stake (John Hus) for over 800 years. Did they have a "right" to lash back? Not in God's eyes.

What we really learn from the carnage in LA is that the moral restraints that we once possessed as a Christian nation are now gone. Without Christian values--a clear sense of right, wrong, propriety, and proper means redress for injustice, our present state of government and society cannot be maintained.

America CANNOT work without Christian faith and values. As John Adams said many years ago, "Our Constitution is designed for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." George Washington echoed the same words when he said, "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

So that's where we are. We have no peace as a nation because we've become predominantly selfish, not moral. We don't have morality, because we've rejected faith in God. The system is amuck, and the people are amuck because sin is now the norm, not the exception.

But let's not allow this reality to lead us to despair. Looks like the stage is set for only one answer: revival.

## Washington, D.C.

As you read this, I'm in Washington D.C. where I've been invited to speak at the National Day of Prayer. James and Shirley Dobson are giving leadership to it this year, and I'll be joining them and many others for a solemn assembly, hours of prayer, a youth leaders' summit meeting, a briefing with Josh McDowell, and possibly a breakfast with President Bush.

During the month of May, we're helping to sponsor a county-wide Concert of Prayer on May 7th, a Prayer Summit for ministers May 17-21 at Cannon Beach, and a March for Jesus Praise Rally on May 23rd. All these events are geared toward awakening the Body of Christ to bring revival to our nation.

Frankly, I believe that the storm clouds are just beginning to form. The LA riots, and what they told us about ourselves, are just an inkling of what is to come.

On the other hand, God is still calling us as a people to humble ourselves over these and many other sins, seek his face as never before, and believe him for forgiveness and national renewal. That's the goal of our Revive America work--to do everything in our power to help



bring America's greatest and most important revival into being in our generation.

Thanks for letting me share these thoughts with you. And thank you for supporting our YWAM Revive America work. Your donation this month will help us to carry on.

Yours for God's truth in our land,

Ron Boehme

P.S. He was laughed at--beaten senseless--whipped unjustly--viewed by all----and what was his response to the world's greatest injustice? "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." JESUS. He's our model and answer. Let's keep our eyes on him and we'll learn to live right.

I am looking forward to this crucial week of prayer in Washington D.C. May God use it to turn our nation around, through the mercy and grace of our God.

*May 20, 1992 - 14,262 - 15,929*

The trip to Washington D.C. was beyond description. God spoke to me in so many ways, and I enjoyed fellowship and ministry with so many wonderful friends who are dedicated to bringing our nation back to God. Below I will list some of the highlights of this insightful and fruitful trip:

- On Wednesday May 6, following my arrival, I attended a Solemn Assembly held at Calvary Methodist in Arlington. It was a gathering of primarily prayer leaders from around the country. Dr. Adrian Rogers gave the main address, and there was much fervent prayer for the needs of our nation. Dick Halverson spoke near the close--admonishing the group to look at Christ's return as the greatest answer to our time of need. He said that in 37 years of attending National Day of Prayer functions, he had never heard a message on the hope of Christ's return.
- The next morning, we gathered in the Cannon Office Building for day-long prayer between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. **Shirley Dobson oversaw the program, and its content and focus was excellent.** Different congressmen and senators spoke--and mostly we prayed. One of the highlights was the youth section where a group of 200 kids from Spokane, Washington led in the program. Their part confirmed to me again this the youth of this world are being prepared by God to lead the coming revival.
- In the evening I joined with many of the leaders from the city for the outdoor Celebration on the steps of the Capitol. **My part was to pray over the youth of the nation--which I gladly and fervently did.** God kept away the storm clouds just long enough to allow us to call upon his name.

An interesting guest at the evening prayer gathering was former mayor Marion Barry, just released from prison for possession of cocaine. He seemed calm and subdued. Various leaders

spoke to him and prayed for him, and he joined us outside for the rally. Toward the end of the evening, I watched him walk off into the shadows all by himself--no entourage, no aides to get his limousine, no lights, no cameras. The thought struck me: **How fleeting fame and position are. They can be taken away in a moment.**

The next two days were partially spent attending an "AIDS Briefing" hosted by the Josh McDowell Ministry. It was incredibly insightful. Dr. Robert Redfield, the world's foremost authority on AIDS and a committed Christian, kept us spell-bound for hours as he described his judgment on the sexual revolution and the profound changes it was bringing to the world.

God really spoke to me through this seminar of **my need to prophetically speak out on this issue in increasing ways.** Millions of people are going to be dead in 10 years. We've only seen the tip of the iceberg. It will affect every town, every school, every youth group, and many homes. Dr. Redfield said that this would be the church's greatest crisis or her finest moment of ministry. I was deeply challenged.

Another day was spent with various youth leaders from around the nation in a "Youth Leaders Prayer Summit." It was a great time of networking and prayer for one another. I was grateful to be in attendance.

During one meeting of the youth leaders (which was combined with the National Prayer Committee and denominational prayer leaders), Dick Eastman and David Bryant gave a stirring challenge to draw together the leaders of the church to Colorado Springs next January 20-21 for a time of consecration prior to the great revival that God is bringing to the world. The hair practically stood up on the back of my neck as we heard the "word of the Lord." Its central truth: **That revival is coming, and its scope, power, and focus will be far greater than anything that we can imagine.**

Because of this, we need to prepare. This was not optional. All of us let the word sink in deeply and went away to ponder and to pray.

I also had one **divine encounter.** While waiting for a friend to pick me up for dinner, who should stop his car directly in front of me during DC rush hour but Alex Palau--the man that we purchased 133 C St. from in 1980. Going out into the street and opening the door, I said, "Hi, Mr. Palau. It's great to see you." He looked like he'd seen a ghost, then excitedly gave me his phone number and asked me to call him.

Later that day I gave him a call and we had a long conversation. It was a great way of mending fences and rebuilding our relationship. **In the end we both complimented each other--and decided to have lunch some time. Amazing how the Lord leads us. He's interested in every single person.**

The final day or so was spent with friends, and then I boarded my plane and flew home.

Thank you, Father, for this wonderful time in the nation's capital. I am awed by your word and your power--yet I long for you to do what you have promised.

Help me to be a faithful vessel of your awakening. The thought of my accountability to you over these truths is very scary. Help me to be faithful and true to do your will.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*May 25, 1992 - 14,267 - 15,924*

A couple of days ago, on May 23rd, we joined with believers from all over the world on the March for Jesus. In Port Orchard we simply had an outdoor Praise Rally at the Marina Park, while in Seattle thousands gathered together for an actual march. It was a wonderful time uplifting the Name and glory of Christ. God gave us a beautiful day, and everything went very well.

Since that time, we've heard that over 250,000 people marched in some 100 cities and towns across America, and over 300,000 participated in Europe. The heavens must have been rejoicing that day. Next year, we are looking for even more to be joined--and two years from now-- on June 25, 1994 -- the movement will go global with the large prayer day in the history of the world.

I am excited to be a part of this move of His Spirit, and to do all that I can to stir the Body of Christ into action.

*June 23, 1992 - 14,296 - 15,895*

I've been away from my journal for a month. Sometimes when I'm home it's easy to forget to record the things that God is doing in our lives. Praise His Name that he never forgets. He is "our keeper who never slumbers nor sleeps (Ps. 121).

The *Destiny* book manuscript is now completed and been sent off for editorial polishing. I am very satisfied with it--that God will use it to inspire many people to be what they were created to be. Some chapters really grab my heart. Others were fun to write. It is wonderful writing with the hand of God upon you. He has some wisdom, depth, bountiful revelation, and exciting truth. Sometimes I sit back after writing something and simply worship because I know that it didn't come from me--but his grace and knowledge flowing through my mind.

With *Leadership For the 21st Century* about to be re-printed, and the *Destiny* book to come out later in the year, a door has been opened for both of the books to be sent to about 2000 youth pastors in all fifty states that a part of the National Network of Youth Ministries. Paul Fleischmann approached me the other day about this, and YWAM Publishing has consented to

the request. This will be a great opportunity to broaden the reader-base of each book. Thank you, Lord.

I'm also getting excited about the *Daddy, Come Home* book, which is now up next, and a new one that I'd like to title *The Lies That Poisoned America*. God has really given me a burden lately for my own backslidden nation that is tottering on the edge of the abyss of great judgment. What an agonizing moral decline we are living through. What a need there is for an act of God that will bring us back to sanity, and to Himself.

In a few days we will begin preparations for our summer outreach with Kings Kids to Spain. Things are setting up well for the trip. Nathan has personally been going through a hard time recently, but I feel that is a combination of growing up, spiritual warfare over the critical trip he is about to take, and the choices that he is facing in his life right now. How I am praying that God will see him through into becoming a solid man of God whose gifts will bless the earth in his lifetime. Writing the book on destiny has made it easy to glimpse that reality.

We've been celebrating the kids' birthdays recently and really enjoying the beauty and good weather of the summer. God has been good to us--beyond our wildest dreams. May we be found faithful to him in all respects.

## Barcelona, Spain

*September 3, 1992 - 14,337 - 15,854*

So much time has gone by. What a summer! Over eight weeks ago now we dove into our summer outreach to the Olympic Games in Spain--and what a precious time it was. **God gave us a superb team and wonderful trip of over 5 weeks in length--joining with over 10,000 people to share Christ in the streets of Barcelona and then in other nations of the world.**

**In some way it was the best missions trip I've ever been on.** Was also my first experience with a Kings Kids team, and in many ways, I found it easier than a "normal" bunch of YWAMers. Younger kids are very obedient and moldable. Our kids were the best. I am extremely proud of them.

The trip included many wonderful experiences:

- A time of revival in Tacoma--four hours of tears and brokenness--as God dealt with sin and prepared us to move in focused unity during the summer of ministry.
- **A great time of vision and fellowship at the first ever Kings Kids International Conference (Target World) with over 3500 kids from some 100 nations.** We stayed at a school in Mataro, some forty-minutes north of Barcelona.
- **A world-wind trip around Spain** including a spiritual warfare walk in Madrid and

ministry to prostitutes; ministering at the World Expo in Sevilla, and three days in the "Boiler Room"; great ministry with Bethel Centro in Valencia where the kids were able to eat again; and then the final days back in Barcelona sharing our faith at the Games.

- On the final trip home, we had a very precious love feast in Copenhagen, missed our plane in New York (the "Rotten Apple") and were put up in a beautiful Sheraton Hotel. The next day-- on August 6, we flew home first class.

Thousands of people were saved in Spain during the weeks we were gone, and we thank the Lord for the part that He allowed us to play. When I returned, I wrote the following letter to our supporters to thank them for helping to make the trip possible:

*August 10, 1992*

Dear Friends,

If there's such a thing as *being wonderfully exhausted*, then I think I must be.

A few days ago, we arrived home from the Olympic outreach in Barcelona, Spain. What an incredible time it was. Five weeks of unforgettable ministry and travel, culminating with the saturating of the Olympic city with the Good News of Jesus Christ. While billions watched the best athletes in the world chase medals of gold, silver, and bronze on TV, thousands of believers shared the pearl of great price with tens of thousands of prepared souls. Only heaven knows the "eternal gold" that has been distributed over the past few weeks.

I want to begin by deeply thanking you for praying for us during this time. Your prayers literally rescued us from life-threatening situations, numerous spiritual battles, problems of heat, tiredness, and sickness--and propelled us into many exciting ministry opportunities.

Here are a few of the highlights:

## **New York**

- After a good week of preparation, we flew to New York to join 300 other Kings Kids for an outreach at the base of the Statue of Liberty. It was a powerful time of prayer and prophetic ministry as we shared God's heart for our nation.

## **Barcelona**

- Next stop was BARCELONA where we joined 3500 other Kings Kids from 100 nations for a World Congress. It was primitive, hot, dirty, crowded, noisy and LIFE-CHANGING as we worshipped, prayed, and experienced a little taste of heaven in the fellowship we enjoyed. From this spiritual powder-keg we EXPLODED all over Europe

and the Middle East to spend the summer in evangelism.

## Madrid

- Our team did a national tour of Spain. On the way to MADRID I was almost thrown off the train in the middle of the night as angry security guards tried to illegally remove our luggage. One man pulled his night-stick to hit me--the closest I've ever been to being beaten--but was stopped by a Dutch girl who intervened on our behalf. Through her efforts and much prayer, we were given permission to stay on the train. I call her the "Smoking Angel." This episode came to be called the "Madrid Midnight Massacre" and strengthened us to do spiritual warfare in every place we traveled.
- In the Spanish capital we ministered in the open-air and did a spiritual tour of the "high places." We also revived the kids down-trodden spirits (due to heat-exhaustion and hunger) with a surprise visit to McDonalds.

## Sevilla

- Taking a bus to SEVILLA, we ministered to prostitutes in an open-air meeting, and performed on stage at the Pavilion of Promise at the World Expo (where hundreds of people gave their lives to Christ every day). A divine appointment was meeting the composer of one of our songs (Rich Mullins, the author of "Awesome God") who agreed to sing the solo in our fifth performance. That was in 110-degree heat.

## Valencia

- In VALENCIA we stayed at a drug-rehab center and ministered every night in squares and parks to hundreds of people. We prayed with scores of people, and some of our kids had the tremendous experience of leading their first person to Christ.

## Barcelona

- We then returned once more to BARCELONA for a final ministry blitz--helping to distribute 150,000 specially made gospels of John and performing in local parks and plazas. All together there were over 10,000 Christians sharing their faith in and around the city. The love of God was everywhere. Christians bands and drama groups performed on almost every major street corner. The athletic events didn't interest us. Far more excitement and joy came from in sharing the good news with people.

My eyes were sure opened during this time to the difference between how God views people and how we do. A classic example of this was all the adoration given to the American

basketball players called "The Dream Team." A friend of ours--a pastor of a church near Barcelona--spent every day with the "Dream Team" as one of their translators. He said most of their lives were empty, proud, egotistical, greedy, and very LOST (one notable exception was David Robinson who proudly witnessed for Christ and wore a T-shirt which said "Enter his COURTS with praise"). To the world, they were a "dream." To God they were a "nightmare," full of sin and bad influence. How easy it is for us to lose perspective--and worship things that mean nothing to God.

## Copenhagen & New York

Our team returned home August 6 after having a candle-light love feast in Copenhagen and then missing a plane in New York (the kids call that frustrating experience the "Rotten Apple"). God made up for it by sending them home first class the next day--one final lesson in learning to have little and have much. God is so good.

## Port Orchard, Washington

Now after some days of rest, we are gearing up for an exciting fall season. Kings Kids will grow and expand for the coming year. September 16th we will be working with the "See You at the Pole" movement which hopes to bring one million children to pray at their school's flagpole at 7 a.m. On September 20th we will be heading up the "National Evangelistic Census" in our area (this may be the largest evangelism day in the history of America--if you're interested, let us know).

America needs prayer. America needs evangelism. America, and the rest of the world need a move of God's spirit in revival. These things ARE WHAT WE EXIST FOR. Please continue to help us do God's work through your prayers and financial support.

Yours for God's harvest,

P.S. I've enclosed in this mailing a copy of the "Winning Way" which we used in Barcelona. We helped to distribute 150,000 copies in nine languages during the Olympics. Now it's your turn. How about giving this copy to a friend who watched the Games on TV? It may give you a chance to share your own testimony. Go for the true gold. God bless you.

[I was able to help with the production and distribution of the "Winning Way" booklet through my relationship with Dr. John Hash and Jerry Wiles of Bible Pathways Ministries, Murphreesboro, Tennessee. They would be used strategically in future Olympic outreaches.]

## Olympia & Mt. Rainier

Now after a good family camping trip to Olympia and the Mt. Rainier National Forest, we are back home, starting school, and looking forward to the fall ministry. Thank you, Lord, for letting us be a part of your work this summer. You changed our lives and touched the lives of thousands. May the fruit go on for many years in the future.

October 29, 1992 - 14,393 - 15,798

I can't believe that almost two months have gone by since I last wrote in my journal. I haven't been traveling that much--just been neglectful. I'll try to be more consistent during the coming days. The Lord's mercies have continued every day of my life.

My new book manuscript is on the way to the printers. Praise the Lord. What an easy one that was compared to *Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. They're still working with the title, but it may end up being called *If God Has A Plan for My Life, Why Can't I Find It? --You Have A Destiny*. That's a long one, but the marketers seem to like it. I really like the book in its final form and believe that the Lord will use it.

*Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* was re-published in September and has recently been sent to the top 2000 youth pastors in America as a part of the fall literature drop for the National Network of Youth Ministries. They will be using their winter drop for the *Destiny* book. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

For the past few months I have really agonized over the coming elections. Judgment is really looking on the horizon. It appears that our next president will indicate a decision God has made to abandon us to the futility of our sins.

We have been much in prayer about this and will continue to do so over the next week. I also sent out a letter that I will include below which really expresses my heart on signs of these times. The Lord really blessed its message. Many people called me to say that they even copied it and sent it to their friends. Here it is in its entirety:

October 20, 1992

Dear Friends,

With the U.S. elections less than two weeks away, many of our thoughts and certainly our PRAYERS are pointed that direction. In a few days we will choose a President, 535 congressmen, 20-some US senators, and thousands of local and state officials. It is quite a process to watch--and even harder to figure out.

I have been closely studying presidential politics ever since 1976 when the Lord prompted me to write a book exposing the policies of Jimmy Carter (*What About Jimmy Carter?*)



3rd Century Publishers). Intercessors for America used my candidate-comparison chapter in its October issue that year. It was the first of its kind. Ever since then, candidate comparison sheets have become standard fare to instruct and warn the Church.

On October 31, we will be mobilizing volunteers in our area to distribute 40,000 pieces of such literature on the candidates and issues of the '92 campaign. The national piece we're using (over FORTY MILLION have been printed) was put together by the Christian Coalition headed by Ralph Reed. Ralph was a young disciple during the early 80's in Washington D.C.

As we near election day, my heart is deeply troubled over the state of America and the choices we are facing. This is especially true of the Presidential election. In this letter, I want to share with you my perspective. Let's first look at the MEN and then the FORCES at work behind the 1992 vote.

#### George Bush: Milk-toast Christianity

George Bush is a good, decent, honest, God-fearing, family-oriented man. He has grown in spiritual stature over the past twelve years. His wealth of experience in foreign affairs has served our nation well. His weakness is he lacks vision for America's spiritual and moral rebirth and has committed major compromises in his social and economic policies.

He is still head and shoulders above both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Perot on the issues of life (abortion) and human sexuality (adultery, fornication, homosexuality) which have brought us to the point of frightening judgment before God. Because of these issues alone, he is clearly the BEST choice. But his lackluster moral leadership has been bland and unclear. It's milk-toast when it needs to be strong meat. This has made him a sitting duck for the public press.

#### Bill Clinton: Humanism's Last Stand

The governor from Arkansas has a few things things going for him: Good looks, a sharp mind, smooth mannerisms (he's a made-for-TV baby boomer) a bad economy, and a sympathetic media. But that's about all. The rest of the record shows that he is a liar (on many fronts), immoral (multiple adulteries), a big government tax and spender, arrogant (ever watch his countenance carefully?), personally ambitious, a murderer (pro-abortion), and slick as oil. Since self-control is the number one quality of a leader, Bill Clinton should have been disqualified from leadership years ago.

But he's here because he's the truest reflection of America's present syncretistic values. He is a religious humanist who promises to bring CHANGE to America. But you won't like the changes. His election will be humanism's last hurrah in our country. For years, the secularists have wanted to complete their immoral and anti-Christian agenda from the Oval Office. Gov. Clinton is their last chance before it all comes crashing down.

## Ross Perot: Economic Savior

Ross Perot tantalized the American public early on with his "I'll get it done" approach to our economic woes. His quitting the race in July and re-entering in September damaged his credibility. On the positive side, Mr. Perot is a successful businessman with a straight-talkin' flare, a good sense of humor, and the clearest understanding of the financial precipice we're hanging over. He would be a breath of fresh air in the Washington D.C. fog.

But America does not primarily need an economic knight on a white horse. Our problem is a spiritual one. A weak and unsteady economy is the result of a total spiritual and moral breakdown in the lives of Americans and their families. Recession is a symptom, not a cause. Mr. Perot would help the symptoms slightly, but never touch the heart of the disease. And there's one other reason to reject his candidacy--he's pro-death on abortion. God is far more concerned about the slaughter of millions of innocent people than about preserving the American materialistic status-quo.

## The Powers of Darkness

But there are bigger forces at work behind the '92 US elections. As Frank Peretti has so capably portrayed in his spiritual warfare novels, there are legions of demons and their evil rulers that influence our lives. This is especially true of the leadership of nations as it is a jugular vein of power within human cultures.

In the '92 election, the legions of hell are clearly behind the candidacy of Governor Clinton. Through their control of the media elite (the majority of whom are atheists, immoral, liberal, and anti-Christian), they have silenced the character issue, made adultery appear irrelevant, gotten away with lies (the Bible says that Satan was "a liar from the beginning") and clearly brain-washed the American people on the need for "change."

For good reason, they don't tell you what the changes will be--bigger government, condoms in every school, runaway venereal diseases, open acceptance of homosexuality, increased family breakdown, the continued slaughter of millions of children, socialized medicine, economic depression, repression of Christian schools and home schoolers, sky-rocketing crime, and eventually a secular dictatorship to maintain order. Does that sound extreme? Get your head out of the sand. We're already most of the way there. A Clinton presidency would hit the home run.

George Bush, on the other hand, has been viciously attacked by the press and its demonic influencers. Though he is clearly the best candidate overall, his compromises and weakness have left him vulnerable to attack. Ronald Reagan was not so easy a target due to his strong and consistent (but imperfect) Christian world view. He was also better at articulating it.

## The Heavenly View

For many months I have prayed over and pondered God's view of these men and events. The Bible teaches that God is actively involved in directing history and advancing his kingdom on earth. What does that mean in 1992? What is really happening behind the human events? How should I be preparing myself and those who are under my influence?

I believe that God is allowing the devil to "blind the eyes of the unbelieving" in this election. Even some believers are being fooled. It appears that a righteous and holy God is about to severely judge America for her sin and rejection of His truth.

He will do this by giving us what we deserve--ungodly leadership. This will speed-up the timetable of troubles in our nation.

In a way, we are re-visiting the 1960's. In that era, the baby-boom generation led us into a whirlwind of immorality, drugs, and rejection of authority (including God). Thirty years later, we're about to codify into law what we experimented with as teenagers. And I believe that God may just let us do it to vividly portray to the world the fallacy of man-centered philosophy outside the freedoms and restraints of Scripture. In the 60's we sowed ideas. In the 90's, God is going to allow us to fully reap their consequences.

In my opinion, if Bill Clinton becomes our next president, you can know that God has given America over to judgment. He is accelerating a righteous "spanking" that our nation so justly deserves. The time of patience has ended. The days of severe retribution have begun. "Holy One--You are right to decide to punish these evil people--you have given to them. as what they deserve" (Revelation 16:5,6).

But there's hope in the darkness. Speeding up judgment will also speed up revival. That's the silver lining. When humanism falls flat on its face, people will begin looking for the true and living God. "When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness" (Isaiah 26:9).

The judgement of the 90's will give birth to America's fifth great awakening. Out of the ashes, Christians will have the opportunity to restore the foundations of a backslidden nation. The ungodly will be thrown out (for a long time to come), and God-fearing men and women will rise to lead. God is directing the script toward the triumph of His kingdom.

That's how I see it. Scary, but exciting. Because of these possibilities, here's what I recommend:

Pray like mad (even with fasting). Vote for George Bush (and how about Ross Perot for budget director?). Get ready for Bill Clinton. And judgment. And REVIVAL. Then COMMIT YOURSELF to be a part of bringing spiritual rebirth to America.

Yours for His awakening,

Ron Boehme

P.S. Our Revive America project exists for "such a time as this." Thank you for your prayers and financial support. And don't forget to order the "Read-To-Lead" resources this month to encourage your growth in Christ. It's a must!

## Houston, Texas

Last week I had the privilege of traveling to Houston where I spoke to students at Houston Baptist University, spoke to the steering committee of the World Congress on Marketplace Evangelism (headed up by my good friend Jerry Wiles), and ministered at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. It was really a wonderful time with Jerry and those he serves. I was able to meet many of the missions leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are great people.

And in a few days, we will go to the polls. God have mercy on this nation. And show each one of us how to pray, vote, and rise up to lead.

## Port Orchard, Washington

*November 4, 1992 - 14,398 - 15,793*

Election Day '92 was a depressing step back for America. Bill Clinton won the Presidential nomination (43% to 37% for Pres. Bush), and Democrats were swept into office on the coattails of "change" all over the nation. Both Shirley and I felt the same grief that we did in 1976 when Jimmy Carter was elected. Our nation is in BIG TROUBLE. And we don't have an inkling of the disaster that is before us.

My thoughts on this critical election season were best expressed in our monthly newsletter. They are quoted below:

Dear Friends,

The secularization of America is now complete. The Clinton landslide in our recent election was a stunning victory for the forces of darkness that have been battling for the cultural soul of the United States. Prior to 1992, they were held in check by the power of Christian ideas left over from America's past (though eroding year by year). Today, from a governmental point of view, they are gone. We now live in a post-Christian America.

I cried for our nation on November 3. One pastor remarked that it was as if the restraining

influence of the Holy Spirit had been removed from our land (2 Thess. 2:7). I'm sure many of you had similar thoughts. It happened so suddenly. Yet it's been coming for years.

Since the early 1800s the devil has been working tirelessly to destroy the Christian world view that undergirds our nation. The first target was education (beginning in the 1820s with Thomas Dewey). Then science (with Charles Darwin's theory of evolution in 1858). By the beginning of the 20th century, the media, the arts, and the business world were all being slowly taken over by those with a man-centered world view. Only the remains of a Christian consensus, occasional spiritual awakening, and the interruption of the World Wars slowed the secular takeover.

In the 1950s and 60s the demonic attack intensified. A youth rebellion threw the family into disarray. Sexual restraints crumbled. Alcohol and drugs fed the unrestrained pursuit of pleasure. At the same time, disobedience to God's financial principles spiraled the nation into periodic recessions and forced women into the marketplace (further eroding the family and damaging the children). Soon killing our babies was okay (abortion) and child abuse became common (if you can kill your unborn child, then your dulled conscience can certainly condone hurting or abandoning your born ones). Suddenly murder and sexual perversion were rights.

But the political realm was still up for grabs. Unlike educators, media commentators, and secular businessmen--politicians needed to be re-elected every few years. Because of prayer, some revival in the church, and periodic moral renewal, the humanists were unable to get a complete stranglehold on government. The Kennedy and Johnson administrations thrust them ahead, but the Nixon, Ford, and Carter years slowed the momentum through a mix of restraints. In the '80's, the Reagan revolution placed a major roadblock in the path of the secular bandwagon. But a weak Bush administration made the national mood ripe for picking in 1992.

Enter the new generation. Baby boomers. Strong and tall--calling for CHANGE. (This generation preached the same message in the 60's, focused primarily on the rejection of authority and moral absolutes.) This time they would bring change to the weak economy and role of government in our lives. THEY would now be the authority and knew absolutely what to do. On November 3, the American voting public emphatically said yes to their plans.

And thus, humanism or secularism had its day of triumph. Now it controls ALL the domains of leadership that make up our nation. And massive changes are in store. The decade of CHANGE is underway.

Bill Clinton, our new president is a religious humanist. That means that though he attends church and occasionally mentions God, his world view is predominantly man-centered and anti-Christian. His vice-president, Al Gore, has similar beliefs with a token New Age emphasis thrown in. We have never had leaders like them in a nation adrift from a Christian consensus. And with the strongly humanistic Democratic Congress, they now have the power to firmly establish into law their secular agenda. That agenda, based on Mr. Clinton's well-known

positions and the Democratic platform includes:

- Establishing homosexuality as a civil right, meaning that millions will die of AIDS and the results of perversion (the average age of death of homosexual males is 42).
- Encouraging sexual promiscuity, pornography, increasing venereal diseases (there are 52 new kinds today thanks to the sexual revolution of the 60's), and making condoms as common as bubble gum.
- Guaranteeing the continued murder of the unborn (more than 25 million slaughtered on the humanistic altar).
- The continued destruction of the family through character-less education, federal day care centers, the glamorization of working moms (Hillary Clinton is the first feminist First Lady), children's rights, etc.
- Higher taxes, more regulations, more deficits, and a certain day of economic reckoning.
- Weakness on foreign policy and our role in the world.

All these things have been pushed before by the secularists. But up until now, a Christian consensus in the land and the strength of the southern Bible Belt with its senators and representatives have bottled up the advance. No more. We are now in a moral and governmental free-fall. I believe the words of Jesus are very appropriate:

"But this is your time--the time when darkness rules (Luke 22:53)."

What has allowed the Satanic victory? A divided, prayerless, sleeping church. Many of us even voted for the take-over of America. According to exit polls, George Bush won the Protestant vote by only 7%. 38% of us voted for Mr. Clinton. Among Catholics and all other Christians, Mr. Clinton won by 5-10%. When you add those totals together with the Jewish vote (78% for Clinton), other religions (56% for Clinton) and atheists (65% for Clinton), it becomes clear that a biblical approach to truth no longer exists in the church--let alone the nation. The Christian consensus is gone. We are the first generation in our history to face that frightening reality.

What an incredible change. America was originally established as a Christian republic. A God-fearing people sacrificially molded a society whose government was an expression of its religious faith--a constitutional republic based on the Bible. Today we have degenerated into an atheistic democracy, a form of government our early leaders deplored. As Benjamin Franklin once stated, "We have given you a republic, *if you can keep it.*"

We haven't. It is now gone. Ironically, at the same moment in history in which the Eastern European nations have cast off the chains of humanism (communism is simply humanism with a gun) and opened their societies to God's Word, America has headed into the slave camp. Such blindness. What a tragic example we are of this fact: That those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it.

As Christians, we must admit in shame that we have fought against the Philistines and their Goliath with the compromise of an Eli and the disobedience of a Saul. So, the glory has departed, and the enemy has triumphed (1 Samuel 4:19-22). Only a new generation armored with the character and faith of Samuel and David can slay the giants and bring rebirth to the nation.

God has providentially allowed the election of '92 to wake up and humble the Church and justly give our nation the judgment it deserves. As we enter this period of darkness, a number of things become very clear:

1. Each of us must repent of our sin and apathy and draw intimately close to Jesus. Only a "heart after God" like David will carry us through the coming days (when the Bolsheviks came to power in Russia is 1917 over 7,000 Baptists renounced their faith under the pressure of compromise).
2. We must give ourselves to personal and corporate prayer as never before. That's why I'm so excited at the building prayer movement in our country, including a national gathering of leaders scheduled for January 20-21 in Colorado Springs (providentially scheduled the same day as the inauguration of the new administration).
3. The church must unite according to the mandate of John 17. A divided church cannot stand in an increasingly united world. Pastors must pray together, congregations must support each other, and in multitudes of ways we must lay down our differences "so that the world will believe that you sent Me."
4. We must prepare ourselves for persecution. In America, we have now gone from questioning Christian tenets, to ridiculing Christianity, to actual harassment and suppression of Christians. This will only increase as we are the only ones to speak for truth in a darkened land.
5. We must win others to Christ. In the darkness, God is preparing a phenomenal harvest for us. As families fall apart, as economic judgment descends, as millions begin to die from venereal diseases, and as taxes go through the roof, multitudes will be pulled out of the clutches of sin and be brought into the Kingdom of God. We need to be ready, with a vibrant and compassionate faith that will bring hope and peace to the hurting.

Humanism now rules. But its reign will be short-lived. Why? Its ideas won't work because they are not true. No amount of excitement or optimism can change that fact. Only righteousness exalts a nation (Proverbs 14:34). And in the 90's, secular man's false solutions, compounded by decades of disobedience and error, will bring a dizzying multiplication of problems and suffering. The sun will set quickly on humanism's triumph as the God of the Universe judges the sinful and rebellious policies of men.

Beyond the clouds of darkness lies the possibility of a fifth great awakening for the

**United States of America.** The primary reason for judgment is to bring us to our senses (a "divine spanking") to bring revival and rebirth to our land. That's the CHANGE that our Heavenly Father is longing to see.

We lost a major battle, but the war is not yet over. If we commit ourselves to being like Samuel or David in our own time period, then God can use us to bring real hope and blessing to our nation. The choice is up to each of us. How about you?

In this very battle, I want to thank you for supporting our YWAM Revive America ministry. As Benjamin Franklin also purportedly said: "If we do not hang together, we will most assuredly hang separately." That's especially true now. We need your prayers and financial help as we work with Christian leaders, speak and write on revival, and mobilize youth and adults for world evangelism.

Thank you for your trust and support. We are praying for you and for revival in America.

## **Edmonton, Alberta**

*December 4, 1992 - 14,423 - 15,768*

I've just returned from a very fruitful trip to Edmonton, Alberta where I ministered with **Craig Eagle at Northwest Bible College and shared in a local church.** Was a great stay with some wonderful people.

- At the college I taught my Character series to some eager and responsive students.
- I stayed with Greg and Arlene Musselman, who are becoming good friends. On Sunday I spoke at Christian Life Center where Greg is associate pastor.
- On afternoon I accompanied Greg to a TV studio where he works part-time as a sports announcer. Very enlightening. Brought into reality the scenario that Frank Peretti spins in his book *Prophet*. What a satanic stronghold is the American news media.
- Spent one enjoyable night talking to some home-schooling fathers encouraging them to go on in their worthy and high endeavor to train and disciple their children.
- **One night, while on a prayer walk (in the bitter cold), the Lord really spoke to me about our new Kings Kids ministry going to Albania next summer instead of Russia.** Summer Stead could help lead this team, and it would be one way to continue to influence her life, as well as a great opportunity for the kids to help disciple a needy nation. We will see.

I have appreciated ministering in Edmonton the past few years. Praise the Lord for what He is doing in this Canadian city.



## Port Orchard, Washington

December 18, 1992 - 14,437 - 15,754

What a great Christmas outreach we just completed with our new Kings Kids ministry. 70 great young people with 20 committed staff took to the streets to share their faith with others. Some people expressed desires to follow Christ, and all our faith was built up.

We divided into two teams for the weekend. One team ministered at Mission Creek Juvenile Center and Ridgemont Terrace Nursing Home. The other did street evangelism in Bremerton and then came to Port Orchard Convalescent. After that, we all met together to carol through South Kitsap Mall and pass out gospels of John.

It is so wonderful to launch children into evangelism. There is nothing like it in zeal and enthusiasm. They are bold, open, motivated, and learning much about what it means to be a world-changing missionary for the Lord. God has really placed His hand of blessing on this ministry. This year is going to be a great one.

December 30, 1992 - 14,449 - 15,742

On Sunday I spoke at First Christian and presented my new book, *If God Has A Plan For My Life, Why Can't I Find It?* to the congregation. The book was released about ten days ago, and I believe that the Lord is really going to use it. Its sub-title, *You Have A Destiny*, has really grabbed a lot of hearts, and I believe that it will catch on like wildfire among young people.

In the morning service, I encouraged many people to come forward and have prayers over their individual destinies in life--and many came. It was neat to see many of our young leaders praying for people, calling down God's blessing on their lives.

I hope that in the coming months, I can do much speaking on this subject in the Body and Christ and get the new book out extensively. It is being sent to 2000 youth pastor's nation-wide as a part of the National Network of Youth Ministries mailing for December. May each one be a seed of truth that bears much fruit--especially in the lives of young people.

As 1992 comes to a close, I find our family healthy and growing, our marriage becoming more intimate and sensitive to one another's needs, our finances as good as they've EVER been (even during a recession year) and our Youth With A Mission ministry expanding.

Deep in my heart, I sense the Lord saying that in 1993 I must rise to another level of influence and authority in ministry. I'm not sure exactly what this means, but I will be seeking the Lord about it in coming days.

As I turn forty in March, I truly enter the period which should be marked by the greatest amount of my life impact. Lord, help to obey you at this stage in my life--to be faithful in the

little details and the larger dreams and to be fully willing to pay the price of fulfilling my own destiny as a revivalist in America and the world.

Thank you for your love, and the privilege of serving in your great and glorious Kingdom. I bless and praise your incomparable Name and bow at your feet to worship the ONLY ONE worthy of my life and pursuits.