

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1995

Port Orchard, Washington

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Time has really gotten away from me as 1995 begins. I'm off to a running start on what appears to be a good and fruitful year. Today a little flu bug has kept me at home and allowed me to catch up on some things.

A couple things stand out in the past few weeks. We had a very good First Christian elders retreat that will historically affect the direction of the church. God really broke through among us--especially in Kevin, our pastor's heart. To use his words, the final day of the retreat was his "ordination" to real effective ministry after nine years of going through the motions. We emerged from the weekend with a clear call to **RADICALLY lead our church into obedience to Christ and His Word.** It was an exciting moment to now move on.

We're going to begin by establishing a prayer room at the church. That's the right step. After nearly two years of discouragement over the state of our church, I've begun to believe that revival is in front of us. May it be so.

Washington State

The past two week I've driven the state to share with pastors and leaders on the Washington Awakening project. To date I've gone to 17 cities with three more to do. It's been tiring and exciting. Everywhere interest is high in increasing united prayer for revival. In some places it needs to be nurtured along, in others we need to hang on for dear life. I really believe that all 20 cities will be coming on board, and that od will use this thrust to change our state--and prepare for revival.

I simply need strength and sustained faith to uplift the torch. Next week we also start this year's Revive America seminars in California, Oregon and Colorado. So, this is a busy phase--but God is helping me. **May my life and its times be centered in you, Lord.**

Washington Awakening

Calling 100,000 Washingtonians to pray for revival

In October of 1995, the **Washington Consultation on United Prayer (W-CUP)**, in

conjunction with many churches and leaders, is sponsoring a statewide call to prayer for spiritual awakening in Washington State.

This bold thrust into 15-20 cities covering both eastern and western Washington during the month of October will include 1-3-day events in each area aimed at challenging, equipping and mobilizing local believers to be a force for statewide spiritual awakening.

Highlighting each local event will be a dynamic multi-media presentation by the Life Action Singers called America, You're Too Young to Die. Other national speakers and groups will also be available to participate.

Washington Awakening Goals

- To provide an opportunity for 100,000 people to commit themselves to pray for revival in Washington until it comes. This involves signing the "Covenant" issued by the National Consultation on United Prayer in Colorado Springs in 1992.
- To help unite believers across the state through prayer, fasting, repentance, reconciliation and praise.
- To help multiply into all 39 counties of the state other revival tools including the National Day of Prayer, March for Jesus, Concerts of Prayer, and Prayer Summits.
- To help bring revival to the Pacific Northwest.

Statewide Impact

The following towns and cities are being considered for hosting one-to-three-day event. Believers in nearby towns and counties would be encouraged to come to the hub city to participate. Other host cities could be added as the schedule allows.

Eastern Washington: Spokane, Walla Walla, Tri-Cities, Yakima, Lower Yakima Valley, Wenatchee, Ellensburg.

Western Washington: Vancouver, Kelso-Longview, Centralia-Chehalis, Aberdeen, Olympia, Shelton, Tacoma, Bremerton, Seattle, Everett, Port Angeles, Anacortes, and Bellingham.

Local Leadership

Each host city is encouraged to put together a steering group that will seek the Lord about his desires for their area. Out of prayer should come a plan for a one-to-three day "local awakening" gathering at a local auditorium or arena where the Body of Christ can be invited to participate. Dates should be chosen to fit in with the statewide thrust.

Participants

The Life Action Singers and their powerful presentation America, You're Too Young to Die should be the opening night of each city-wide event. They will be traveling the state during the month of October exclusively ministering for the Washington Awakening. Their moving presentation of America's calling, decline, and need for renewal, will be the leading edge of the statewide call to pray for revival. If a host city decides to do only a one-night event, then this powerful multi-media presentation will be the feature.

Some national speakers have also made themselves available to do a second or third evening in a two-to-three day thrust. At this point they include:

Peter Marshall - author and speaker, David Bryant - founder of Concerts of Prayer International. Joe Aldrich - president of Multnomah and Intl. Renewal Ministries.

The King's Kids Pledge Allegiance Tour team is available to do a youth rally or youth track. Their dynamic ministry to kids of all ages includes a call to prayer, purity, and laying down your life for Christ.

Other members of the W-CUP Steering Committee are also available to speak or give leadership to events upon request. The other participants, except Life Action Singers, are available on a first request basis.

Praying for God's Direction

The vision for Washington Awakening came out of two statewide gatherings for prayer held in Ellensburg in November of 1993 and 1994. These W-CUP events brought people from nearly every county and many different churches and denominations. For almost two years, leaders have been praying for a way to bring the message of prayer for revival to the people of Washington state in a unified and concentrated way. The October 1995 statewide thrust is the realization of that dream.

Now it's your turn to pray about what God would have you do in your host city. We strongly encourage you to consider a 2-3-day event that would be well promoted and organized in your area to benefit all the churches.

The first night would kick-off with America, You're Too Young to Die. The second night might feature a special speaker or a large youth rally. A third night might conclude with an area-wide praise gathering or concert of prayer. If God leads to do other things-- a night of reconciliation, a local speaker, or some other presentation--we'd simply ask that the overall focus remain spiritual awakening. Beyond that common goal, we encourage you to do together all that God would have you to.

Thanks for your considering being a part of *Washington Awakening* in October of this

year. W-CUP Steering Committee: Steve Hall, Tom Durrant, Michael Irving, Kathie Cassady, Pete Battjes, Cathy Colley, Ed Hurn, Ellen Craswell, Carrie Vasco, Ron Boehme, Don Wahl, Burdell Austin, Bev Klopp.

Our Commitment to You the Host City

1. Help you raise up a local steering group and broad base of support through promotional visits to your area (January and April).
2. Produce a generic *Washington Awakening* brochure that can be tailored to your events and special features (will be available in March).
3. Do all the scheduling of the Life Action Singers and other speakers. Provide the up-front monies necessary to secure their ministry with us.
4. Provide people and materials that can be used at your event to multiply united prayer for revival. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1) National Day of Prayer materials and helps.
 - (2) March for Jesus information.
 - (3) Concerts of Prayer and Prayer Summits materials.
 - (4) Availability of Christian leaders to speak and share on these various areas and how they can enhance the move of God in our state.
5. Provide copies of the "Covenant" for your people to sign--committing themselves to pray for revival.
6. Pray for you--and for revival in your area.

Your Commitment to Us

1. Put together a working steering committee to organize and promote the "local awakening" in your area. Promote widely among all the churches.
2. Secure a facility to host the one-to-three days of events. Provide local emcees, praise bands, and prayer leaders you desire to use.
3. Commit to house in homes the Life Action Singers and other speakers.
4. Take public offerings each night of your event(s) to cover costs of facility, speakers etc. Monies will be divided between local and statewide costs.

5. Pray for us--and for revival in Washington State.

Pendleton, Oregon

February 15, 1995 - 14,554 - 14,987

We've begun the second swing of Revive America Seminars, this time in the states of Oregon, California, and Colorado. Two weeks ago, I flew to Pendleton, Oregon for the first stop on the tour. God did some wonderful things, a few highlights of which we'll share below.

I really enjoyed staying with Janice and Mark Wells, owners of a beautiful older home that looked right down on the Main Street of town. Their house was originally the mayor's home. Not only did I have some special prayer times from my room in the upstairs loft but took some nice jogs along the river through town. It was a raging torrent from the winter rains. I prayed that the move of God's Spirit would be the same.

The sessions were well attended with 500-750 in attendance. They were held at A Free Methodist Church with believers from about 40 churches participating.

On the second evening I shared a new message called "Religious Idolatry" that came forth like thunder. There was much conviction and repentance of sin. I was very open about America's three main idols today: sex, materialism, and entertainment. In the end, I got some reaction from some people that disagreed with my perspective. But I believe every word God gave me and will simply work at sharing His truth in the wisest way.

[My sore throat began in Pendleton after I spoke passionately on "Idolatry" I believe that message unleashed spiritual warfare against me which would not be conquered by faith until 2001.]

Ron Smith, Fred Markert, and I worked well as a team. Fred's teaching on prayer and world vision is simply outstanding, and Ron's emphasis on God's Word is without equal. We had some great prayer times as well God mobilized hundreds of people to seek God's face for revival in their town.

The last evening, we shared the Word, had hundreds of people come forward to sign the "Covenant", and had a moving communion service together. There was hardly a dry eye in the place. One woman commented to me that this was the "greatest three days in the last 25 years of her life."

On Sunday I preached the Christian Church in Athena, about 20 minutes from Pendleton. It was an historic church, about one hundred years old, and God really touched the people. In the afternoon, a small group of us did a prayer walk around the town--especially praying at the high

school and cemetery which is the "high place" overlooking the town. I believe the Lord was pleased with our cries to Him.

I returned to Port Orchard weary, but grateful to be used of God in this way. This year's tour seems to have the same anointing and impact as last year's did. May it be so--for Jesus' glory alone.

Red Bluff, California

Last week, the next stop in the tour was Red Bluff, California, a pretty little town located about 2 hours north of Sacramento. What a mighty move of God's Spirit we saw in this sleepy little town of 15,000 that was once named Laodicea. The theme during this 5-day seminar was UNITY--and God brought much revelation, openness, confession and tears.

The first two nights the Lord really moved, convicting the people of their division in the town. There was much public confession, a lot of prayer in small groups, and quite a visible expression by about twenty pastors of their need to draw together in this town.

On Friday I spoke to about 20 pastors at a luncheon, and encouraged them to not settle for the status quo, but get desperate for God and committed to one another. Those words seemed to settle into their soul and bear much fruit over the coming days.

I greatly enjoyed staying in the home of Mike and Gwen Light, a couple who'd been in YWAM, and had a beautiful home up in the foothills. I was also given a Lincoln town car to drive around--quite a gift. I'd never driven a Lincoln before. Very quiet and comfortable.

The last few days the move of the Spirit continued. In almost every session there was brokenness, confession, and a visible display of unity. This theme didn't seem to want to end. On the final night Ron Smith gave a powerful word on the spiritual passion of Elisha, and then hundreds signed the "Covenant" and we had communion. Praise and celebration went late into the evening hours.

On Sunday I spoke at 10:00 am at the Church of God. After I left, for over two hours people came forward and got right with God and one another. I missed all of it because the Lord took me to the Community Baptist Church where I again shared my heart on revival. At the conclusion of the message, the entire congregation got down on their knees before God. Many began to cry and prayer, and the Holy Spirit really moved. It was awesome. From a church on the sidelines, I believe this fellowship will now dive into the heart of the coming crusade. Again, the theme was unity in Christ's Body.

Following the second service, I again made my way to the airport for the flight home. What a precious time in Red Bluff--the "Righteous Bluff" that God wants to establish for His glory. It was a privilege to share your Word there, Father. Thank you for the joy of being your

weak, but grateful messenger.

Port Orchard, Washington

Today--February 15--we got snowed in here in Port Orchard and I missed my plane to Orlando. After some hours of consternation, I finally gave up the trip to Florida after realizing there was no way I could get there in time. The Lord knows best. I'll remain at home for a few more precious days with my family, then we're off to Dinuba, California.

A few interesting quotes: "Think Big. Start small. Move with the movers!" (Tom Wolfe.) This is a great expression of biblical principles.

Harold Ockenga's three great lessons in life:

1. The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Him.
2. Repentance, confession, and restitution are crucial to the sanctified life.
3. God allows some people to do things others are not able to do.

** There is no substitute for God's anointing in ministry.

Lord, I'm very tired, behind in a lot of things, my voice is sore, but deep in my soul I'm so thankful to be your unworthy servant. Continue to work in my life and make me more and more an effective prophet of your kingdom.

Dinuba, California

February 20, 1995 - 14,559 - 14,982

It's good to be home again from a great revival week in Dinuba. It started kind of slow, but the Lord really blessed as we went along. I've been wanting to visit Dinuba for many years-- due to a friendship with Joe and Linda Peacock that began eighteen years ago in Hawaii. I've also wanted to visit Wally Wenge's "Gleanings for The Needy" compound for some time.

The meetings in Dinuba were held at a large Mennonite-Brethren Church. They were well attended the first few nights, and there was much conviction of sin and repentance that went on for hours in the meetings. I also spoke at a pastor's luncheon that God blessed. On the final days, as we moved toward signing the "Covenant," God's grace was really in evidence.

On the final Sunday I was asked first to speak at a Vineyard Fellowship, then whisked

away to share at the Mennonite Church. After I left the first service, hours of prayer and confession followed. **At the Mennonite Church--a large, prestigious congregation that formed the roots of the town many years ago--the entire congregation went on their knees at the end. You could hear crying and confession happening all over the room.** Some people came forward and prayed with their pastor--a dear man after the heart of God. I believe that God's awakening has been there.

It's now good to be home briefly after a wonderful week. God is really blessing the cities this year, and it is my great privilege being the one to bring the message of repentance to these various towns.

Turlock, California

February 27, 1995 - 14,566 - 14,975

I'm home again after another good week in **Turlock, California**. At one time, Turlock had more churches per capita than any city in America. This was not an easy city, but by the end the Lord had really moved in some wonderful ways.

The meetings began on Wednesday night at the Bethel Assembly of God, and there as good attendance and good conviction. **It was also a special treat to have Jim Orred with me** on this trip--as Fred Markert was sick. Jim and I stayed together in a home in which the hosts had left for Alaska. It gave us good quality time together. It was great to be with my original YWAM friend again, and providential in that we were able to discuss many aspects of our trip to Macedonia this summer. Jim is still our YWAM leader for that part of the world.

Halfway through the meetings we switch the venue to an Evangelical Free Church. Attendance was not great, but the final night, I spoke on "A Tale of Two Cities", and compared Turlock to Plymouth, Massachusetts during the Great Awakening. There was a wonderful anointing on the time--and **many people signing the covenant to pray for revival.**

Montrose, Colorado

March 6, 1995 - 14,573 - 14,968

Now I'm back after a good week in Montrose, Colorado. The only problem is that **my voice and throat continue to worsen.** In Montrose, I really had to drink a lot of tea and watch my voice use. We had a powerful time in Montrose.

It was good to have our entire team back together. Ron and Fred both gave tremendous

messages. On Saturday night, God moved in an incredible way with much weeping, confession of sin, binding of principalities and powers over the area, identificational repentance, and other emphases. It was the most powerful ending we've had on this tour.

One testimony--of a teenage girl--really stands out to me. She was a well-known athlete in the area. After the message on idolatry, she openly wept and confessed the sin of idolizing sports. Her confession led to a real move of God among young people. I believe there is going to be a real revival in the schools here, and that something significant really happened among the youth.

On Sunday, I asked the Lord to give me enough grace to minister at two services at a Foursquare. He did--and blessed. Afterwards, I shared a meal with the pastor and his family and made my way home.

It was also great to renew fellowship with Dave and Kathleen Tabor and their family. They are our YWAM leaders for Papua New Guinea who are home on furlough. The last evening, I stayed with them, and even ministered to two of their kids on the way to the airport. They are wonderful, godly people.

God is doing great things in Montrose. This was one of the better cities so far. Lord, pour out your Spirit in an amazing way.

Redding, California

March 13, 1995 -14, 580 - 14,961

The six-week swing is over--and I made it, just barely. I really struggled with my voice while in Redding, California. In fact, between sessions, I went totally silent to save it for the next session. It was tough to do, but the Lord gave me just enough voice to finish. The meetings were small, but powerful. Redding seems to be somewhat of a distracted, divided city. But the small streams of revival are flowing.

On Sunday, I made some history. I missed my first ever speaking engagement due to illness. I just didn't have enough voice to speak at a large Christian Missionary Alliance Church. I wanted to, but there was no voice left. This is the first time in 25 years of public ministry that I've ever missed an opportunity to speak for God. It was hard to accept at first, but then the Lord assured me that it was the wise thing to do.

I wore out my voice obeying Him. Since He didn't heal my throat. I asked many times--I resigned myself to His will. Her made it clear that ALL good things on earth eventually come to an end--and that "His grace was sufficient for me (2 Cor. 12)." Because I couldn't speak, I prayed. God had said to me, "If you're going to speak less then you can pray more."

Port Orchard, Washington

Dad picked me up at the airport on my return, and we drove home to a special surprise birthday party for him at our house. It was a nice affair, with family only. I believe dad was encouraged. God has given him 75 years of life. What a blessing he has been to us all.

It was also good to celebrate my own birthday. I'm forty-two. Half-way through this year I figure to be at the mid-way point of my lifetime. A sobering thought. **Have I served Christ faithfully? What lies ahead for the final half of my life on this earth?**

Now--after six wonderful, yet grueling weeks--I am home to rest and get well. It was my privilege to preach to thousands and see hundreds and hundreds of lives be changed. **God is really using the Revive America seminars and the Impact World Tour.** May He receive all the glory and praise.

April 3, 1995 - 14,590 - 14,943

These have been difficult weeks as I've struggled with regaining use of my voice. How easy it is to take things like SPEECH for granted. Once again, I've had to cancel speaking engagements, pray more, and learn some lessons. They've been good, but hard. But I'm realizing that **the greatest things God does in our lives are produced through suffering**--not when the going is good. That kind of understanding is worth the test.

I've been to the doctor twice--taken much medication--and even gone 6 days with absolute silence to try and regain my voice. At this point, the vocal cords have started to return, but my throat is still raw and weak. It's going to take some time. It's like I'm recovering from a bad "sprain" and need to regain full use slowly. Of course, the older we get, the slower we heal.

There are **many lessons to learn during this time. The biggest is that there are higher purposes in life than speaking. Learning patience, going deeper in prayer, developing faithful character, learning to rejoice in suffering, are among them.** In small ways I feel like I've grown through this experience--and that makes it all worth it. **I just hope and pray that I'll be able to speak fully again for God. If not, I'll serve Him without a whole voice. At any rate, I will serve Him.**

More speaking engagements have been canceled. One was a prayer breakfast with the mayor of Kirkland. When I realized I couldn't do it, I felt impressed to ask Steve Hall to take my place. He gladly accepted, then told me later that he felt he was to speak at this event all along. How amazing are God's ways! During the breakfast, I prayed for the entire hour that God would really anoint and use Steve. That was a HIGHER PURPOSE for me than speaking. What a lesson for a preacher.

We also had our annual Renewal '95 banquet during this time, and **I had to sit and be**

totally silent. How humbling. I did have a statement read. The King's Kids Pledge Allegiance Team did the main program and wowed the crowd. It was a great night.

A few days ago, I decided to cancel all speaking engagements in April and allow myself to get well. It means that many of our WCUP Steering Committee members will have to fill in on the second swing through the twenty cities where Washington Awakening is coming this fall. My infirmity has really lit a fire under them to press in and take ownership of this thing. Again, this has been a blessing in disguise. It's simply awesome how God "perfects His power in our weakness."

This week Shirley and I are slipping away for an overnight now that Jason is weaned. That's overdue, and we're greatly looking forward to it. This seems to be catch-up time for me. I guess having the voice problem was God's way of keeping me in his will.

And so--I'm home, trying to get well, and do many things that have been left unattended for weeks. This seems to be the Lord. Father--daily heal my voice that was expended for You. I am your servant. Continue to teach me your ways through suffering. I will follow you voice or no voice. "You have the words of eternal life."

Chicago and Washington, D.C.

May 10, 1995- 14,627 - 14,906

I just returned from a great week of prayer in the nation's capital and Chicago. Deidra Larson, our King's Kids leader, and her son, Jonathan, also accompanied me. Some of the highlights were:

- Roaming the inner-city to make the preparations for next summer's King's Kids outreaches. We'll be taking 150-200 staff and kids to Atlanta for the Olympics, then on to Washington D.C. to share Christ among ethnic minorities in Anacostia (the poorest area of W-DC).
- Strategizing with thirty youth leaders from many major denominations and youth organizations in the US. Planning and praying together to reach and send the youth of America. Near the end, at beautiful Arlington Cemetery, we laid hands on Jonathan and prayed for a passing of the baton to the new generation. This was after watching the "Changing of the Guard." Powerful.
- Participating in the National Day of Prayer in the Cannon Building and an evening rally at the Capitol. Jonathan was asked to give the final charge to hundreds of young people.
- Seeing many friends and staying with Ken and Pat Smith. We also took a tour of 133 C St. God is still using it for His glory.

I preached in two churches--Christian Assembly in Vienna and Immanuel's in Silver Spring. Both were blessed by God. In the evening service, I felt a significant change in my throat after preaching--and found out later that Bev and Shirley were specifically praying for me at that time. God answered their prayers, and my voice is now returning to normal. Praise the Lord.

On the way home, I stopped off for a day to be a part of the National Forum on Revival in Chicago. 130 leaders gathered to talk about and pray for America's next great awakening. Was so encouraging to see this united emphasis on revival. God must be about to do something. We experienced more "eloquence in discussion" than praying to the Holy God, but it was still a meaningful time. God convicted me of my insecurities before other people during the meeting, and I go home to grow spiritually and in maturity.

Being a part of these events brought this strong confirmation: That our calling to revival is in the dead center of God's will for these days. Please pray that He would help us to be faithful and courageous. I believe that our YWAM ministries in the Westsound area have "come to the kingdom for such a time as this (Esther 4:14)."

Port Orchard, Washington

On Monday our ministry--including Shirley and I--began a 40-day fast for revival in America. We're going to focus on praying for the awakening in the land and fruit in our summer outreaches. I'm also doing a study in the Gospels and Acts 1 on the life of Jesus. Doug Coe, really admonished us in Washington D.C. to read strictly about the life of Jesus and be true REVOLUTIONARIES by thinking how he thought, saying what he said, and doing what he did. I was very challenged by his words and am excited about this season of study.

Doug Coe mentioned that:

- 48 times in 40 months of Jesus' ministry the Gospels record that he would "slip away and pray."
- The busier Jesus became the more he prayed.
- Christ's picture of prayer was primarily listening and learning (John 4:34, 5:16-18, 19, 30, 8:26-28, Luke 8:18, chapter 9 and 11.)
- Successful revolutionaries have a core group that makes a covenant to live and die for their cause and to mobilize youth in it (Mao, Hitler, Ho Chi Minh included).
- "True outreach is in-reach" - reaching yourselves with the truths of Christ and changing your life.
- Kings and prophets must work together. He doesn't seek to minister to leaders. He seeks to reach the poor and kids with revolutionary love, and God brings kings into his life.

Our fast will last from May 8 - June 16. Lord - I really desire to humble myself before you during this time, to listen carefully to all you have to say to me, to cry out to you for revival in our nation and world and to become more like Jesus.

As I reach the mid-way point of my life in a few months (September), what a great time it is to re-evaluate all I am and do and seek to serve Jesus more effectively for the second half of my short life on earth.

May 22, 1995 -14,639 - 14,894

I'm now about two weeks into the fast. This is the longest time I've ever gone without food. After the first week, I began using juices along with the water having concluded that a strict 40-day water fast only works well when you can go to a desert or mountain-top to be alone. Being at home with many responsibilities and being around food all the time makes it very difficult.

But I'm still excited about this 40-day liquid fast. I've already realized how incredibly we build our lives around physical food. We use food for comfort, happiness, to combat boredom, pleasure, entertainment, and more. It's been wonderful to think that being with God is better for attaining all those goals. He is my comfort, happiness, joy, and true pleasure--not food. His spiritual food is far more satisfying. No wonder Jesus said that, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

In the past two weeks I've completely read through the gospels and Acts one--studying the life of Jesus. It's been very refreshing--seeing his authority, simplicity, humility, servanthood, love, and many other things. I now want to digest it more and apply it to my life. That will be the goal over the remaining weeks.

I've set some goals for this 40-day fast:

1. To become more like my Savior through studying his life.
2. To begin the "second half" of my life in the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. To pray for revival in the nation.
4. To set our ministry on the right priorities for the future.
5. To bring my body into better health.

Lord--may all your purposes for me be realized during this time. I seek your face and humble myself by not eating. Hear my voice, speak to my heart, and be pleased by this special time in your presence.

June 16, 1995 - 14,664 - 14,869

The Lord awakened me early this morning--the final day of the 40-day fast. What a WONDERFUL time in His presence I've had as I've prayed, sang, listened, and felt the flow of His revelation from almost every corner. These "40 Days with Jesus" have been some of the richest of my life. As Jesus Himself did nearly 2,000 years ago, for forty days I've eaten nothing. As I have "Break Fast" today, I am overwhelmed at God's love and goodness to me, and privilege of knowing and serving Him. Thank you, my Lord and my God!

I have learned much over the past forty days:

1. **How overrated food is**, and what a trap it can be in our lives. I've set my heart to live and eat more healthily for the "second half" of my life. Food is a god in Western culture. We eat for comfort, to alleviate depression, to fill time, for personal happiness, and we over-indulge! Give me your grace to obey, O God. May I truly live my "every word that proceeds out of your mouth.
2. **That food has a strong relationship to sexual desire**. During this time of not eating, I've felt almost zero sexual temptation and desire. Maybe the junk food and lustful orientation of our time is related to the junky and perverted sexual desires so rampant in the culture. Again, it is a trap and snare set by the Evil One.
3. I set my heart to study Jesus alone in the four Gospels and Acts 1. What a rich study--and I only scratched the surface. These are some of the insights I gleaned:

(1) **What Jesus DID:**

1. Preached God's kingdom, in the "churches" and out in the open.
2. Taught the people.
3. Cared for people's needs.
4. Healed the sick.
5. Delivered oppressed people.
6. Spent time with those who were lost.
7. Prayed an awful lot, especially in private.
8. Traveled constantly with His message and burden.
9. Fed the hungry.
10. Served His followers in all ways.

11. Laid His life down for His followers.
12. Loved and spent time with children.

(2) **What Jesus SAID:**

1. Talked mostly about the kingdom of God.
2. Central message was "changed your hearts and lives."
3. God wants faithful love, not superficiality.
4. "I tell you the truth" - the preeminence of truth.
5. Hearts are the important thing to God.
6. He used many stories to teach.
7. Spoke with authority.
8. Have faith in God.
9. Be careful, diligent, and ready.
10. Become like a child.
11. Be a servant of others.
12. Go and make disciples of all nations.
13. Take up your cross and follow Him.
14. Tell the Good News to everyone.

(3) **How Jesus THOUGHT:**

1. Listened, watched, and did everything to please the Father.
2. Totally non self-conscious.
3. Humble in attitude toward all His creation.
4. Had a high view of free will--men can know God if they choose, and they are deservedly damned if they refuse.
5. People are worthy of care and concern.
6. Had a burning desire for justice, and a propensity for mercy.

7. Had great joy in obeying the Father!
8. Simple, absolute trust in God.
9. Deep love for His friends and followers.
10. Thought strategically--always did what would be most effective and timely.

To summarize: He had a Listening Mind, Watchful Mind, Other-centered Mind. Humble Mind, Caring Mind, Just Mind, Wise Mind, Obedient Mind, Trusting Mind, Loving Mind, Strategic Mind, and Focused Mind.

My heart's desire is to learn from Him and to become like Him. Probably my greatest revelation during this time is that being "full of the Holy Spirit" means having this humble, compassionate, loving, selfless, faithful heart and mind that Jesus had. This "likeness" of God is what He anoints and empowers.

As I finish the 40-day fast, my greatest prayer is that I would "return in the power of the Holy Spirit." May it be so.

I am also so grateful for a totally healed voice, the many blessings that God is giving to us as a ministry right now, and the hope for the future that is in me.

Thank you, Jesus, for these 40 days with you. I will never forget them.

July 19, 1995 14, 697 - 14, 836

A few days ago, we finished our boot camp for the King's Kids summer outreaches and headed around the world. God moved powerfully during our four days of preparation together, empowering us with the Holy Spirit, motivating us to share "Our Friend's Love", and consecrating us to His service.

Tag and Deidra Larson then led a team into China. Ken and Candace Stephenson took a return group to the Philippines, Jonathan led his first outreach into Los Angeles and Mexico, Connie Bohannon guided the Home Team in Tacoma and Shirley and I took a group into Albania, Macedonia, and Italy. Following are the faxes that I sent home during our trip.

Tirana, Albania

We've arrived in Albania--tired but excited. Our flights were good, nothing unusual. Had good ministry together in Chicago at the airport and a phenomenal open-air meeting at the Rome airport. Hundreds watched us minister at the gate, we preached then talked to many people--

including some Muslims. It was as if God was preparing us to reach these precious people in Albania and Macedonia. We even had a translator named Jesus.

Our arrival in Albania was chaotic (that seems to be one of the ruling spirits here), but a bus with some friends of two years ago met us at the airport and transported us into the city to our neighborhood home. How wonderful to see our friends again! Albania has changed greatly in 2 years--there is much more free enterprise everywhere, the unemployment rate is down to 40%-
-BUT the people are a little more indifferent to the Gospel. On the positive side, there are now at least 10,000 Albanian believers. Five years ago, there were NONE.

We are doing a prayer walk in the center of the city today and a performance in the neighborhood tonight. Thursday through Sunday we will minister on a local playground and do some out ministry in a few villages nearby. Saturday we'll go to the beach for "swimming evangelism." Here's how you can pray:

1. Shirley and Mike's backpacks didn't arrive. Pray that they'll be found (we're pooling our supplies).
2. For John and Sharon as they assume team leadership today.
3. That we will not get sick from the water--it's worse than two years ago.
4. For making quality disciples in our homes.

We love and miss you--and pray every night for the "torch to be passed." Let's believe HIM for hundreds of souls.

July 21, 1995 -14, 699 - 14, 834

God's phenomenal blessings continue to be with our team. We are now into the full swing of Albanian ministry and the noise, chaos, many conversions, friendships, and tremendous hospitality have become normal parts of life. We all love it. Here are some of the highlights:

1. Tuesday night we did a "Concert" in our neighborhood. Hundreds listened, crowded in on us, and many committed themselves to follow Jesus. It was wonderful to preach to a people who now know MORE about God than two years ago. They LOVE the tambourines.

2. We began our playground ministry yesterday with over 100 children. It made us cry to see the dilapidated buildings they call their school. We played soccer, volleyball, made balloons, and painted many faces (a big hit). One girl who had a heart and cross painted on her hand came back later with the heart smudged and said, "You need to repair my heart." We feel THAT'S our mission here. We're many commitments to Christ at the playground--including four Muslims. Praise the Lord.

3. Our teenagers are really assuming leadership. Jason Reed preached his heart out at the

playground yesterday and about 30 answered the altar call. Last night Ryan Graham preached well. And our girls are awesome. They preach, dance, heal the sick--all that's left is to raise the dead. They are so mature and focused.

4. Last night was our baptism of fire--what we now call "Fright Night." We were doing a large open-air a block from our neighborhood and the crowd began to get out of hand--pressing us, and some of the men and boys making lewd gestures toward the girls--especially after Kaaren's part in "Redeemer." The chaos led to some of our kids crying, feeling fear, but also good ministry taking place. A good de-briefing and Kathleen "preaching" on the need for FAITH settled the group. Today we're going to be wiser, more experienced, putting our "armor" on more carefully and ministering in the "opposite spirit."

5. Yesterday was also our "Miracle Day." Shirley and Mike's luggage was found (that's really a miracle in Albania), and we finally got through to someone in Macedonia after having no communication for over two months. They are ready to receive us. Praise the Lord. We will travel there on Monday--we believe about a 7-8-hour bus ride (it later turned out to be 14 hours).

6. Tonight we're ministering in a Gypsy village after playground ministry this morning. Everyone is enjoying their afternoon "siestas" and we suggest to Deidra that this become a regular King's Kids habit.

Points for Prayer:

1. That we would make quality disciples during our Albanian stay. (Many kids are traveling with us--and even wear our shirts and do some songs).
2. For a quality day at the Durres beach tomorrow.
3. For the ministry in Macedonia to set up well--it's real sketchy right now. For ministry in a rural village on Sunday evening called "Vachar."

We "pass the torch" and pray for the other teams every night about 10-11 pm. Powerful times praying for our co-workers. I probably won't be able to fax again until Tuesday (I'll try on Sunday). We love you.

July 24, 1995 -14, 702 - 14, 831

Praise the Lord. We have miraculously and safely arrived in Macedonia. What an AWESOME trip we're having, filled with God's blessings and grace. We feel so privileged to be serving a God as GREAT as ours. Psalm 103 is truly our song.

Gypsy Village

Our final days in Albania were powerful. The Gypsy Village, where YWAM runs their DTS, was a precious time as many gathered, and God opened the windows of heaven with a

supernatural sunset. We named the evening "Rays of Grace." The day at the beach, nicknamed "The Battle for the Beach," was wonderful.

Lezhe

After encountering much **spiritual warfare**, Albanian chaos, and greedy bus drivers, we finally ended up taking 70 people to the beach in Lezhe--not Durres. What a battle. About half-way through the trip, the owner of the bus decided to charge us double the price, and I refused. He then stopped the bus in the middle of nowhere and ordered us out. I didn't move and asked some Albanian friends to intervene. It turned into a mob affair, with shouting and pushing and the two of us seeing who would flinch first. In the end, we both gave a little and on we went. What a bunch of horse-traders.

It was great to travel through Lezhe again where we ministered two years ago. We enjoyed the beautifully refreshing Adriatic water, munched on watermelon (our staple diet), worshiped together, and even led people to Christ there. We would have baptized some people, but YWAM has asked us to leave that with the local churches--which we were glad to comply with.

Late in the afternoon, I took Shirley across the road to look for a bathroom. Since they're scarce to be found anywhere in this part of the world, we went out behind an old abandoned hut where I stood guard. Soon, a little girl came up to me and invited me into her home next door. The whole family gathered as we sat down in the squalor and enjoyed Turkish tea together.

There were probably 10,000 flies in the tiny living room where they so proudly served us. Their whole house--in two rooms--wasn't as big as our family room. The father's name was Pietro, and I had a good time talking with him about Peter in the Bible and praying for them. As I left, I promised myself whenever I sat in our "mansion" at home, I'd be grateful for all God has given us.

Vachar

On Sunday we ministered in a beautiful little village called Vachar outside of Tirana. Hundreds listened, our friend Jonad preached, and **people came to Jesus. Even Muslims.** It was awesome--our "Village of Peace." Mike Holman, an American missionary who lives there told us that there are now 10,000 born again believers in Albania. Probably their greatest distraction is the greed of materialism which has escalated dramatically in the past two years. Our hearts really break over that.

6:30 am yesterday we walked into downtown Tirana and boarded our bus for Macedonia. Thus, began the 14-hour "Great Adventure." The night before, Mike Holman had briefed us on the still powerful Communist influences here. **Macedonia is to be our China.** There is still tight police control on the spread of the gospel--and only .016% of the population are evangelicals. In

our new home city of Skopje (population 700,000), there are only four evangelical churches with a combined membership of about 200 believers.

Skopje, Macedonia

At the border, the guards really gave me a hard time, and stalled us for three and a half hours (the team was held "hostage" on the bus in sweltering heat--all they did was sing and pray). Finally, our prayers prevailed, and we were let through into our land of destination. After about a four-hour drive, we came into Skopje about 10 pm--knowing no one and getting no connection on the telephone.

We prayed that God would guide us. I knew that if He didn't, we'd all be sleeping on the street that night. Our "Angel Number 1" on the bus was a Yugoslavian Muslim who persuaded the bus driver to look for our only address--instead of dropping us off at the bus station. He replied that was impossible--we didn't have a street number--and that it was like finding a needle in a haystack. Well, on angelic cruise control, we drove straight to it.

On the street there, we found "Angels 2&3" we got into the bus and directed us right to the church. Unbelievable. As we worshipped on the street, God led "Angel 1" to Jesus. He had been deeply touched by our worship, faith, love, generosity, and the fact that the kids hadn't complained about not eating a meal in 14 hours. I can't describe the sense of joy and gratitude that filled our hearts last night as we settled into our new home-- The Evangelical Church--here in the center of Skopje.

Shutka

It appears that this week we'll be living together at the church, going out in evangelism during the days, do two open-air in Shutka, a 60,000-person Gypsy suburb, and do two open-air meetings in the main town square with police permits. Hallelujah. Our other job here will be to strengthen a struggling little church and openly proclaim Jesus to Muslims and the ritual Orthodox. We begin today. Pray for more souls. Everyone's fine--a fabulous team--and we're very proud of them. We pray every night for the other teams and "pass the torch" to other regions around the world.

July 28, 1995 -14, 706 - 14, 827

Our amazing and miraculous trip in Macedonia is now half over. Everyday we're ministered to large crowds. Almost every day, people have come to faith in Christ--including Muslims. Such an amazing anointing and unity is upon this team that it is beautiful to behold. They have been very easy to follow.

Macedonia is a beautiful country, much like Italy or Greece. It is clean--with green grass

and trees (as opposed to Albania). You cross the border and are in a different world. Everything is very European--almost German. We are having a fantastic time. Here are the highlights:

1. Did a prayer walk through the city--including prayer at the huge Orthodox Cathedral. Unbelievable Today we take a 4-5 hour hike up a mountain to pray for the whole city.
2. Tuesday evening "Johnnie" led a team up to Kuminovo near the Serbian (His wife Sharon kept saying "Siberian") border. Brought great encouragement to a new church there.
3. Wednesday our theme was to "look for Lydia" (see Acts 16:6-15 where a woman named Lydia was the *first convert* in Macedonia during Paul's day--in the city of Philippi). We fanned out in evangelism teams all over the city "looking for our Lydias". Near the waterfront, **Linsey Stephenson was impressed to go talk to a woman--whose name was Lydia! She prayed to receive Christ.** Were other converts that day. **In the evening we did a large open-air in Shutka, the Gypsy city.** Another world indeed. The kids were unbelievably poised in that sea of noise and revelry. Some said it made the Chilean worship services seem like a dull Sunday school picnic. Many came to Christ. We will return here on Sunday evening.
4. Yesterday the local believers took us to a beautiful man-made lake nestled near the mountains (Skopje has mountains on both sides). After some swimming, soccer, and volleyball evangelism, **we did a spontaneous "Concert"--as the locals say to avoid arrest, "WE WERE JUST AMUSING OURSELVES"--and hundreds gathered.** Darren preached and many indicated a desire to get to know God. We had to stop when a policeman arrived on the scene. We quickly went back to volleyball evangelism. Last night we ministered at the church under a powerful anointing. We prayed they would have the faith to radically take their nation for Jesus.

We do some large open-air meetings in the town square today and tomorrow and return to "Gypsy Jammin" in the evening. Early Monday morning we return by bus to Tirana. Pray for our final days here and our trip back into Albania. Almost no sickness. I'll fax again Tuesday morning. We pray for you WITHOUT CEASING.

Tirana, Albania

August 1, 1995 - 14,710 - 14, 823

Praise the Lord--we've arrived back safely in Albania after a grueling 15-hour bus ride from Skopje. After 12 days of hot weather, it poured, and then cooled down for 3 days. It did make the bus trip more bearable. Coming through the Albanian mountains we came to a huge traffic jam where rocks and mud had avalanched the road and red, muddy water was gushing everywhere in torrents. (Albanian roads aren't too good anyway. The Communists didn't seem to

know how to build them--or maybe made them narrow, winding, and without drainage on purpose to keep the people from leaving the country.)

After waiting awhile, I asked Johnnie, Darren, and Curt to help me get things moving. It took an hour to help clear the road, play policeman, and break up the jam. I finally got in the face of one driver who needed to move three feet to free up an entire lane. He didn't want to budge. Neither did anyone else. It was a vivid glimpse of the lack of character and leadership that Albania really needs to enjoy the fruits of freedom. We later named this escapade "Roadblock to Tirana." Here are more highlights:

Thursday, we climbed a nearby mountain to pray for Skopje and all the Balkans. It was a wonderful and moving time. We even pictured angels moving across the Balkans to cleanse the land and set it free. (It was very interesting to note that less than a week later, the Croatian army swept through the occupied territories and took it back from the Serbs--almost effortlessly. Answer to prayer?)

When we returned home from the climb, we were informed by the police that they were revoking our permits for any further public ministry. Apparently, the devil was mad that we were making converts every day. After praying about the situation, we felt we should go out anyway. That evening we had sweet ministry in the town square (with a boom box) and the Gypsy suburb of Shutka. No one stopped us and people continued to get saved. Our battle cry was "In your face, devil, in Jesus' Name!" God's Word prevailed over this demonic threat.

We had a wonderful time with the Evangelical Church on Sunday. They made us a wonderful Macedonian meal and we had a time of "honoring" each other. Precious moments. They gave us a signed Macedonian Bible and postcards of the Lord's Prayer in Macedonian. We gave them coffee, all our athletic equipment, and a large financial gift for our stay. In the evening, we all went out to Shutka where, despite the rain, we did sports ministry and an open-air. Darren preached, and many came forward. Darren did a great job of leading the team during our stay in Macedonia.

In about two hours we leave for the airport for Rome. We are very excited about finishing strong in Rome and having our team love feast there on Wednesday night. Thursday, we greatly anticipate our reunion with the other teams. Please pray for our ministry in Rome and the airplanes coming home. See you soon to rejoice in God's goodness.

Rome, Italy

August 8, 1995 - 14,717 - 14, 816

Our days in Rome were very rich and powerful--a fitting ending to a great missions trip.

Our contacts, Steve and Patty Gray from Gig Harbor, who've served there as missionaries for over 10 years, met us at the airport and helped us across the city to their new church building that was to become our home.

That evening we trekked into the city on the crowded Roman buses and ministered in a large open-air at Piazza Varona, a beautiful square in the city-center. Great time of ministry to a diverse crowd. Afterwards we treated the kids to the best ice cream in the world—Italian.

The next morning our last big prayer request was answered. We were invited to sing for Pope John Paul at St. Peter's Basilica. This was the Pope's public day at the Vatican and about 15,000 were in attendance. We sat near the front, did 2 songs before John Paul arrived, and then did our them song, "Not by Might, Not by Power, But by My Spirit" for the Pontiff who sat on an ornate chair in the front of the hall. He politely acknowledged our performance. We were one of six groups who were able to sing. The Pope delivered messages in 6-7 languages to the guests gathered. It was quite an affair that lasted until noon. We prayed much for him and for the world-wide Catholic Church.

Afterwards we toured the Basilica, and then decided to pass up the Sistine Chapel because of time and expense. The afternoon was spent seeing the Roman Coliseum (we sang "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb" there) and having a very moving time in Paul's prison near the old Caesar's palace. Many dedicated their lives there to follow the footsteps of the apostle, even unto death if necessary. In the evening, we had a wonderful hamburger dinner together, and a love feast which included many of our host friends from the International Christian Fellowship--the church the Grays have started. Early in the morning, we again headed out for our plane home.

But first, we had to minister one more time at the Rome airport. Because our plane was delayed about two hours, we had time to do a huge open-air to all the passengers that were waiting with us. It was fantastic. During the performance, another "Angel" came to see us--a man who handed us some large photos of our time singing before the Pope. He said not to tell anyone in the Catholic Church about the photos. The he left. We practically cried with joy over this last little encouragement from God.

Chicago, Illinois

In Chicago, God again provided some angels to whisk us through customs and onto our last plane for the flight home to Chicago. What a tremendous sight it was to come off the plane to all our friends--and to be re-united with Ryan and Jason at the Sea-Tac airport. Tears flowed freely.

The fruits of our summer outreach are really known only to God. By our estimate, we ministered to over 18,000 people, saw 253 make commitments to Jesus, encouraged hundreds of

believers, and strengthened one little church in Skopje. "Angels in the Balkans" was certainly our theme. To God be all the praise and all the glory.

Port Orchard, Washington

Back in Seattle, we spent two days de-briefing and rejoicing with the 120 other missionaries. Their trips were laden with blessing as well. All in all, we ministered to over 28,000 people, saw 1,007 people pray for receive Christ, and encouraged thousands of believers. We also had 121 of our hearts changed.

And ONE heart was filled with joy--the heart of our loving Father.

Lake Billy Chinook, Oregon

August 30, 1995 -14,722 - 14,794

What a wonderful family vacation we had this year in eastern Oregon. We drove down to Portland and went over the mountains to a lovely area called Lake Billy Chinook--a vast expanse of water that goes seventeen miles through deep cliffs and snaking waterways. It's a man-made recreational area made by a dam.

After searching for a suitable campsite, God led us to a beautiful and peaceful campground just above the gorge with a breathtaking view of Mt. Hood. For 4-5 days we enjoyed the water (even rented a houseboat one day and traveled all over the place), sleeping in our tent, looking around, and enjoying one another. The kids seemed to thoroughly enjoy being together and not having friends along. That was special.

On the way home, we stayed in a motel in the Longview area--had a neat final barbecue at a big park near the river and traveled up to Mt. St. Helens. (it was fogged in). It was still incredible. What an awesome display of God's power 15 years ago when the mountain blew. The evidence is still quite striking.

Port Orchard, Washington

When we got home, I took a little time off to build a shed out in the yard and enlarge our garden area. It's the first step in moving toward a greater degree of self-sufficiency. God spoke to

me years ago about food storage, getting back to nature through gardening, and preparing for the inevitable economic collapse. These are "obedient steps" in that direction. This winter, dad and I will build the food storage area in the workroom where there's now space for everything.

I always want to obey God in every area of my life. It's no good to follow Him in some and not in others. Real Christianity is total obedience--in the so-called big and small. Sometimes the small areas are the hardest, because they're easier to rationalize, to put off. May it not be so in my life, so help me God.

September 12, 1995 - 15,512 - 15,512

The Halfway Point in My Life.

What a milestone this is. One half of my expected lifetime has now been lived. There is one half to go. Every day now I get closer to eternity.

Just thinking about this raises so many ideas and questions. Have I lived my life to the fullest? Glorified God to the greatest degree? Have I used my life effectively? Have I fulfilled my destiny?

And so many memories come up on the screen. The childhood years, the single years, marriage, YWAM, children, and now middle adulthood. And what lies ahead?

FATHER, HOW I THANK YOU FOR THESE FORTY-TWO YEARS OF LIFE. I DO NOT DESERVE THEM. THEY ARE GIFTS OF YOUR GRACE. I SET MY HEART TO LIVE THE LAST PORTION OF MY LIFE ADVANCING YOUR KINGDOM AND BRINGING YOU GLORY ON EARTH (JOHN 17:3). TAKE ME. I AM YOURS.

Last night we had *Destiny '95* in Port Orchard to a full house at the Nazarene Church. What a wonderful time of sharing and remembering the great things God did this summer. It looks like we're going to have another good King's Kids year--this time focusing on reaching America. God knows we need it.

Washington State

October 29, 1995 - 15,559 - 15,465

We just finished a wonderful whirlwind called **Washington Awakening**. So much could be shared as **we traveled to 23 cities in the state in 28 days**. There were great highs and a few lows. All-in-all, God's call to revival was advanced in our state. Following are our newsletter account and final coordinator's report which shares much of the details.

A WASHINGTON AWAKENING

Hundreds on their knees before God. Thousands signing a "Covenant" to pray for revival until it comes. 24-hour prayer watches starting in 22 major cities. David Bryant bringing a message of hope to pastors. Many tears. Much conviction.

Washington Awakening--a statewide, inter-denominational thrust--recently brought the message of revival to the entire state of Washington. Its ripples will be felt for years. From Spokane to Wenatchee, from Vancouver to Port Angeles, the month of October was devoted to saturating the state with prayer. "It was an historic month " commented YWAM's Ron Boehme who headed up the 20-member Steering Committee who facilitated the many events statewide. "The prayer fires growing rapidly everywhere. And those prayers will help bring spiritual awakening to the Pacific Northwest."

Life Action Ministries "America, You're Too Young to Die!" multi-media presentation highlighted the statewide blitz. Shown 26 times in 29 days, God used this stirring call to repentance to impact the lives of over 10,000 people statewide. Starting in Spokane on October 1 with two presentations at Fourth Memorial Church, the twenty-one college-age Life Action Singers endured a grueling schedule through 23 cities to blow the trumpet for revival. Thousands laughed, cheered, cried and prayed on their knees as the 75-minute program vividly portrayed America's greatness, downfall, and hope for renewal. Rodney Tolleson, the Life Action team director, preached every night that American Christians needed to restore the foundations of repentance, obedience and prayer into the mainstream of American culture.

"The greatest threat facing America today is not AIDS, family breakdown, or violent crime " Rodney explained. "Our greatest threat is God Himself. If we do not repent, He will not relent." At the close of each service, hundreds dropped to their knees in prayer for personal forgiveness as the auditoriums became giant halls of intercession for change in America. At the end, Rodney encouraged everyone "to arise and build."

At the close of each service, all were invited to sign the "Covenant" to pray for revival in Washington. Over 3,000 signed up on the spot in twenty-two cities. They were then invited to help launch a 24-hour prayer watch for spiritual awakening in their area. Scores came to the "Watchman Walls" display to pledge one hour a week to pray for renewal. Each watch will now build up to a minimum of 672 people in each city--four each hour--to "not be silent night or day until God established them and makes them a praise in the earth (Is. 62)." When complete sometime this year, nearly 15,000 people will be covering all 168 hours of the week in fervent prayer for revival in Washington State.

The King's Kids Pledge Allegiance Team shared in city-wide youth rallies in eight different towns. Hundreds of kids responded to their call to prayer and radical commitment. In Shelton, Washington, they were the final evening of a three-day thrust, following the "America" presentation and a Concert of Prayer. Packing the Shelton High auditorium, over 100 kids came

forward to "pledge allegiance to the Lamb." In Port Orchard, nearly half of those who signed up for the prayer watch were children--a direct link to the King's Kids ministry.

"We saw God fulfilling the call on our generation to be radically committed to Him in purity, prayer, and proclamation" explained Jonathan Stone, the King's Kids team leader. "Through much honesty and tears, youth all over the state knelt with us confessing the things of the world that stand in the way of us serving him effectively. God is on the move to redeem this generation."

Another highlight of the month-long thrust was **the ministry of David Bryant**, founder of Concerts of Prayer International and author of the new book "The Hope at Hand." David brought great encouragement to Christian leaders in Tacoma, Kent, Pt. Angeles, Bellevue, Poulsbo, and Seattle, as he shared on the revival "that is bearing down on us--literally at hand." Leading in city-wide Concerts of Prayer, including a collegiate COP at Seattle Pacific University, he exhorted the Church to pray for revival which is "an approximation of Christ's consummation."

The newly kindled fires of prayer must now continue to build. The trumpet has sounded. God has spoken. He desires a Washington Awakening. Will you pray UNTIL it comes?

November Report

Dear Friends and Coordinators,

A BIG THANK YOU for all you did to make Washington Awakening a wonderful success. **Over 10,000 people in 22 cities saw the Life Action presentation of "America, You're Too Young to Die!" Over 3,000 signed the "Covenant" to pray for revival until it comes: Prayer watches were begun in 22 cities. Hundreds of kids in nine cities "pledged their allegiance to the Lamb" through the anointed ministry of King's Kids. David Bryant brought an incredible message of hope to eight cities and led in concerts of prayer.**

It was a whirlwind month--one in which a movement of the Spirit of God has increased the tide of prayer for revival. So many memories are etched in our minds as we look back on October 1995:

- The first person to sign the "Covenant" was a woman in Ellensburg who overheard some Steering Committee members talking in a restaurant on the way to the first meeting in Spokane. She came to our table, burdened for prayer, and made the first commitment.
- A suicide on the block where we were staying in Spokane, just hours before the first performance, brought the Spokane believers to tears and understanding of the battle of life and death we are in.
- Over 1000 people showing up at the Stone Church in Yakima--a city that almost didn't have an event--and the Body of Christ committing itself to six months of concerts of prayer in a different church each month.

- A good turnout in Shelton for the opening night at Shelton High School. A great concert of prayer the next. And packing the place for King's Kids on Sunday--with hundreds responding to the altar call.
- Great brokenness and audible weeping in Mt. Vernon and Olympia.
- So many people in Port Orchard that two performances needed to be done, with the largest single-night sign-up for the 24-prayer watch--almost half of which were kids.
- Nearly filling the Tacoma Convention center for the "America" presentation. Scores of pastors standing before their people and committing themselves to God's call to revival.
- David Bryant announcing that God's awakening is "bearing down on us" and that revival is "an approximation of His consummation." In many pastors' meetings, scores of leaders knelt, prayed, cried, and asked God to make them messengers of hope. Many preached on revival the following Sundays.
- A moving finale in Seattle with people sharing from various parts of the state and our viewing together "Bring Back the Glory".

And many, many more. New friendships, increased prayer, greater awareness of how America has fallen, more gratefulness for His grace. God really poured out his Spirit on many during the month, and they will never be the same.

There were also some disappointments. In some cities, crowds were small, indicating either apathy in the Body or disunity among the churches. On a few nights, people were more excited about Mariner games than the renewing of our nation--a sad "look in the mirror" at the state of carnality and idolatry in the Church. Less-than-expected covenanting to pray, or unwillingness to give an hour a week in the prayer watch, was a "wake-up call" regarding the shallowness of modern Christianity. These issues should cause us to seek God's face even more for revival.

The month-long thrust is now over, but what God wants is just beginning. Our purpose from the outset was to "pour fuel on what already exists"--to help start a tidal wave of prayer that will lead to revival. We must now continue to move forward, building upon an enlarged platform of repentance, unity, prayer and common commitment to spiritual awakening in this generation.

Where Do We Go from Here?

As Rodney Tolleson, the leader of the Life Action team encouraged us each night, we must ARISE AND BUILD. Let's start in the area of the "seven trumpets:"

1. **The Covenant** - Let's praise God that 3,000 people are now committed to praying regularly for revival. But there's a long way to go to reach our goal of 100,000. We encourage you to get the "Covenant" into all the churches of your area in the next twelve months. Enclosed is a bulletin insert to photocopy and distribute. Ask the pastors to set

aside one Sunday to speak on prayer for revival and challenge his people to make the pledge. This is still happening all over the state. Set a numeric goal for your city or area. In Poulsbo, a prominent attorney who was touched at the "America" presentation, is personally introducing it to many clients and friends. Let's enthusiastically bring God's people back into "covenant."

2. **Fasting and Prayer** - One pastor in Kitsap County went on a 40-day fast during the Washington Awakening thrust. Let's believe God for hundreds to take a 40-day fast during 1996. We can all begin by fasting one day a week--how about Wednesday or Friday, or how about the first Friday of each month in conjunction with Intercessors for America's nationwide call? The apathy of the American Church will not be broken down without sacrifice. Fasting is a step in the right direction.

3. **Concerts of Prayer** - Why not follow the Yakima example and schedule some concerts of prayer for the coming year? Move them around. Combine them with times of worship and praise. There is something very powerful about united, corporate, believing prayer.

4. **The National Day of Prayer** - Make plans early to bring your city to prayer on May 2, 1996. Have your mayor sign a proclamation. Host a prayer breakfast. Have churches open their doors for prayer for revival. Come together for a special evening concert of prayer to join with the "Church of the Nation." If you need help, call Cathy Colley at (360) 495-4130, and order all your necessary materials from the National Day of Prayer Task Force, P.O. Box 15616, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-5616, PH: (719) 531-9300, FAX: (719) 548-4520. This year's theme is "Honor God."

5. **March for Jesus** - Begin planning for your march on either May 18 (Seattle) or May 25 (the Global Day). If you need help getting a march started, contact Don Wahl at (206) 471-8651. Join the MFJ five-year plan: 1996 - "A World to Win Together" with a focus on encouraging a missions outlook in the worldwide church. 1997 - May 17 - focus on the different generations working together to reach the world. 1998 - May 30 - healing and justice for the nations and reconciliation among nations. 1999- May 22 - Walking in the light, and reconciliation between rich and poor, male and female, and families. 2000 - June 10 - focus on celebration of Jesus and the progress of the Great Commission.

6. **Prayer Streams** - Encourage your people to join ALL the many movements of prayer that God is raising up. Of note in 1996: Encourage many pastors to attend the National Pastors Promisekeepers event in Atlanta, February 13-15.

7. **24 Hour Prayer Watches** - Yours has already begun. Place it under good pastoral supervision, or delegate it to a group of intercessors that can 1) move it around the churches in your area to get more people to sign up, 2) send out a regular communique to encourage the people who are praying, 3) organize it extensively to bring your neighborhoods under the power of around-the-clock prayer. Your goal is to get at least

672 people involved--4 each hour. If this is done in all 23 cities, we will have over 15,000 believers praying to God night and day for His visitation.

Continuing the Movement

Beyond the seven areas above, we offer a few other suggestions for "arising and building" together in your area. Please let our office know if you are interested in any of these possibilities:

Heal Our Land

The new prophetic musical by Jimmy and Carol Owens would be a great city-wide follow-up to your Washington Awakening events. It can be done with a small cast or a mass choir. It is a beautifully orchestrated event for the Body of Christ that will increase your praying for revival.

Revive America Seminars

This Friday-through-Sunday weekend of renewal can be hosted by an individual church or a group of churches. They are being held all over the United States, and feature great teaching on revival, conviction of sin and opportunity for repentance and confession, and much concerted prayer. It's a "church-changer."

Washington For Jesus

On April 29 & 30, 1996, there will be a third national gathering of the Body of Christ in Washington D.C. to seek God's face for renewal. We would love to see a good delegation of Washingtonians go back to our nation's capital for this historic event. This rally could draw more than a million people (depends on who counts).

Bring Back the Glory

There is already interest in inviting the Life Action Singers to once again tour our state with their newest presentation on historical revival. What do you think? When might be the best time in the future to plan such a thrust?

Once again, we want to thank you for all you did to make Washington Awakening a blessing to God and our state. It couldn't have been done without you, and we are deeply grateful for your friendship, sacrifice, and work on behalf of Christ's Body in our region.

The best days lie ahead, because **Jesus is coming**. Let's continue to pray, work together in His vineyard, and give Him all the glory. He alone is worthy of it all.

Port Orchard, Washington

November 15, 1995 -15,576 - 15, 448

This month has been a good one to wind down. After the close of the Washington Awakening project, I really needed some time to catch up on a few things and settle a bit. November has allowed me to do it.

The only negative factor is the equation was the unexpected change in our family support situation. Due to tight finances at First Christian Church, I learned recently that our support would be lowered to \$655 a month instead of raised to \$1,000. That's quite a drop that--coupled with other factors--puts us back in a work-hard-and-trust-God mode. We really haven't been in this position for 5-6 years.

As I've prayed over it, **the Lord has shown me to really use the pizza ministry to raise money for the kids.** Usually we can help them through the jobs they do around the house. But not this year. The more we've gone out to sell pizzas, the more the Lord has blessed it.

At this point, we have over 100 families that are buying from us. And even better yet, we're being given opportunities to minister into the lives of families. In one home, David and I prayed for a woman with a serious stomach problem. In another we met a woman with cancer--and committed to pray for her.

The most graphic situation was last week. When I showed up to collect the money from a family that we'd delivered earlier in the day on Duchess Court, I noticed that a man was coming down the driveway with luggage and clothing in his hands. When we met on the sidewalk, he informed me that he couldn't pay for the pizza because he was moving out due to marital difficulties. He didn't give me much of a chance to talk to him, but I committed to pray. As I drove away, God really reminded me just **how many needs there are out there within hundreds of years of our home.** And that maybe God was using a tight financial time to get us out of the house and into the lives of people.

It's amazing how God uses all these little circumstances of life to promote His kingdom. I want to see God clearly in EVERY area of my life and day. Thank you, Jesus, for teaching me some things through "pizza." You can use anything.

December 8, 1995 -15, 597 - 15,425

We've really been enjoying the **Christmas season as a family.** Last weekend we did our normal tradition of cutting down the tree and decorating together. The day before we had gotten the house ready for the holidays with the beautiful lights, colors, sounds, and smells of the season. On Monday, we went over to Zoo Lights as a family--a fabulous display of 550,000 lights at the Pt. Defiance Zoo. It was cool, crisp, and breathtaking. Ryan thoroughly enjoyed it

with his eye for detail. I told the kids that if man could make such beautiful colors as these, imagine how incredible heaven is going to be.

In the evenings, we're sure enjoying sitting around the glowing Christmas tree while our home on the outside declares in a thousand colors that "Christ is the light of that world." During this month, we've been reading Frank Peretti's new book, "The Oath." It's pretty graphic but has a very powerful storyline showing the power and destructiveness of sin.

Next week I begin writing a new book manuscript while awaiting word on signing a contract on the conscience book. I'm just trying to be obedient--the rest is in God's hands.

December 22, 1995 -15, 611 - 15, 411

Had a great **YWAM Christmas party** last night at our home with about 35 in attendance. We roared at the white elephant gift exchange, worshipped our Lord and King together, and enjoyed good food and fellowship. People stayed to "love on one another" until late into the night.

In the morning, after a short and fitful night, I took a walk around the block enjoying the crisp cool air. Snow-capped mountains filled my view and the beautiful sunshine after many dreary days of rain really lifted my spirit. During the walk, God really seemed to encourage me to lift my vision up a notch and trust Him for 1 million dollars needed to really grow our community in the next few years. It was time to think BIG and then get His plan. With caution because of past mistakes, I asked God to lead and guide me. Foremost on my heart, is the purchasing of the all the property at the end of our street and putting up a Training Center that God can greatly bless.

Right now, it is simply another dream. Lord--only with your help and miracles will it ever become a reality. During this Christmas season, God really showed me:

1. How differently He views Christmas than we do. For Him, it was a breakup of His family, done in quiet and without fanfare, in the dark of a dirty, smelly stable where the humble Christ-Child was born. For us it's family fellowship, warmth, gifts, abundance, and pompous celebration. God has a different view.
2. **Not to get too comfortable in this life.** One morning while I was jogging in the dark, rain, and dreariness, God really showed me what a picture it was of life in general--hard, dreary, in a word--fallen. But the next life will be different, full of color, beauty, perfection, and glory. It was a good reminder to me to keep my eyes on the things above. That's exactly what I want to do.

December 31, 1995 - 15, 620 - 15,402

We just finished a wonderful **Christmas outreach with King's Kids**. We're all exhausted,

but grateful to God for the time. It's a highlight each year--the true "spirit" of Christmas when we give the Good News to others.

On Saturday evening I spoke on the need to "see things as God sees them," and it led to a real time of brokenness and confession. On Sunday, the 150 of us split up and ministered in two Nursing Homes, at First Christian, and then did a joint 2-hour finale at the Tacoma Mall. Hundreds heard the gospel preached. The kids' testimonies were the best I've ever heard them. They're really growing in experience, authority, and anointing. In the evening, we ended 1995 with a farewell party and prayer time for Tag and Deidra who leave for their Kona Crossroads DTS on January 4th. It was a special time with some very special people.

Lord--Thank you for your faithfulness to me in 1995. You blessed our family abundantly, and a gave us a year of grace to serve You. I love you. Thanks for the privilege of having a "second chance" at relationship with You.