

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1979

Port Orchard, Washington

[“Goals for 1979”]

AREAS OF FAILURE AND NEED:

1. Struggling with pride due to success.
2. Reading and studying consistently.
3. Getting too busy and missing times with God during the day.
4. Finishing messages and articles.

STIMULATING SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

1. Do a variety of consistent devotionals with Shirley
2. Personal yearly readings.
3. Do some daily reviewing and memorizing (Scripture).

READING:

1. Digest solidly one book on revival a month.
2. Keep updated on world events.
3. Read something every day as a discipline

PRAYER:

1. Learn to travail in prayer for revival.
2. Intend to pray a minimum of two hours a day – personally.
3. Regular prayer with Shirley.
4. Learn to pray with awe, respect, humility and fervency.

WITNESS:

1. Preach and teach the Gospel.
2. Give out good tracts daily and look for witnessing opportunities.
3. See revival give birth to a multitude of conversions.
4. Know experientially the baptism of power.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

1. Give help and security to Shirley by stabilizing a perspective on our lifestyle.
2. Being creative and consistent in the discipling of the team.
3. Buy Shirley something special once a month.
4. Lead team in all things.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Start revival fires everywhere I go.
2. See to completion our stewardship of the pencil ministry.
3. **Locate our home base.**
4. Be wise with my health—intensity, exercise (running – 4-5 days a week), and rest.
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My Numbered Days

My Calling: Revival through teaching and prophetic evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76, Ez. 33:1-10).

LIFE OBJECTIVE: To be a humble servant of God, for His glory, by laboring for souls in revival.

STRATEGIES: Preaching and teaching and leading the Renewal Team.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS:

1. Ministry and rest in Washington State – January 8-12 – Teach at Harper Church.
2. Solvang – Teach in Renewal Seminars – Jan. 25-29.
3. Extended Tidewater Crusade.
4. Teaching in South America – March? – NO.
5. Maine Crusade – April 15 on.

Jan. 3, 1979

We began the New Year with a very valuable service at our home church—Harper—and now we are marching on in things God has for us this year. In the Watchnight Service, I sure felt weak and dependent on my Savior. I have re-examined my goals, re-organized my notebook and received some revelations later that I will list here:

1. 1979 is to be a year of “humility” for me. In a practical contemplative time during the service that ended 1978, we wrote on a piece of paper the sin that we want to cast off and deal with in the New Year. Unhesitatingly, I wrote down PRIDE and then burnt it into ashes. It is the deep prayer of my heart.
2. **December 28-30 I was up in the town of Darrington, WA to speak at a YWAM crusade in that small town. Spoke on revival, enjoyed good fellowship with Denny Gunderson, and the word was blessed with convicting power.** Hopefully, many lives were challenged and changed.
3. You spoke to me, Father about being willing to tithe 5 weeks a year to You in being willing to minister away from my family. I want to obey and ask you to prepare and encourage Shirley to accept this offering of my life.

*With many decisions to make in the next few weeks, I look forward to walking in the favor of God. My heart is set on this supremely.

January 9, 1979

Yesterday evening I began a revival series at Harper during their annual week of prayer. The meeting was subdued, I did not sense a great deal of freedom in the Spirit, and now I am pondering and praying how to be used of God to bring awakening to my home church. I at least want God's truth to be honored there even if I am not.

A note of rejoicing: recently God helped us to completely pay off our van. This end (and begins) ne of the first logistical prayer projects I ever personally started. A striking lesson in the faithfulness of God!

During this season of ministry, business, and prayerful decision-making for the coming months, I bow my heart to Jesus and willingly and joyfully seek His favor, rest, and fruit-bearing ability.

January 11, 1979

I believe that You spoke t me this morning, my Lord, and these were Your words: "I understand your pressures and strains. Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

+ Some anointed words regarding the coming of our home base also jumped off the page to me from Genesis 2:3. They are as follows, and only confirm to me the idea that we are to become a fellowship of people in community:

"May God Almighty bless you and make your fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples."

Recently, I felt it would be good to use my bedtime as a primary time of searching my heart. A lovely confirmation of this idea came this morning from Ps. 4:4 – When you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent." AMEN.

Hillsboro, Oregon

Jan.14, 1979

God saw fit to bless my labors at Harper. Though I rarely felt God's anointing, as I continued to speak on revival praying night after night, the prayers of repentance and reformation began to come forth.

After I finished speaking on Friday evening, a sweet spirit settled into the room and many confessions poured forth—not just over neglected praying, but sins of many types. The meeting with God went on for about an our and then the evening gradually came to an end.

Next morning, I again spoke to about twenty-five men in the church on “Surrounding Yourself with Heroes and Being a Hero for God.” Good conviction was present. People are now talking about revival. I have been asked to speak to the congregation on January 21, and I want to be worthy of this invitation and use of God to the fullest to see a spiritual awakening visit the house of God.

*Visiting Portland this weekend, God has brought my attention to this truth: the moral depravity of the human heart and the necessity of the experiential new birth must be in the forefront of revival preaching and thinking. Reading a book on “The Great Awakening” has brought me to ponder the latter and reflect on the prevalence of modern-day humanism in people’s minds. I’ve got some thinking and study to do on some of these subjects and then share the truth with all my heart and soul. It is a privilege...

Jan. 19, 1979

*Regarding the future, I thank God for the promise given this morning: “I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers. I will make you a community of peoples...”

My Lord and My God—my eyes are on You.

Solvang, California

Jan. 28, 1979

And so, we ended our time in the Northwest. I did preach at Harper Church on Sunday morning Jan. 21 and there were four people who came forward to give their hearts afresh to God. In the evening service I gave a report of our ministry to the congregation and then our time “at home” was completed.

After a good day with Shirley’s parents, and then one with my folks, we left for California.

*Thank you, Father, for helping us accomplish your will during this time. I hope that our labors were not in vain.

For a few days the Father has been gently prodding me about my prayer life. I have been negligent to follow through with some commitments. From deep within I know the tug of God to excel in prayer, and these are my renewed goals:

1. To give God the best of my time—initially aiming for 2-3 hours a day in devotion.
2. Three times a day I am to turn to the Scriptures and pray.
3. I will highly value and keep the hour of revival prayer with Shirley every other day.
4. I will be reverent and fervent and pray with high motives.

5. I will realize that I am no greater for God than my prayer life.

+ So far, my ministry in the “Renewal seminars” has been good. God has gently broken through a few times after the teaching and I’ve enjoyed His help. May these students excel in prayer and humility to shape and enlarge His Kingdom.

[At this point in the journal I submitted a hand-written note from Bev Fish (Riedesel) that she gave to me in Solvang. She said, “The Lord impressed me to write these words down as I was waiting on Him in prayer for you, Ron.”]

Bev gave me these types of encouragements for many years to come.]

“My beloved son, I am well pleased. My heart has been made glad by your love and obedience to the very whisper of my voice. I have heard the cry of your heart to know and love Me and give Me glory. Hear, receive, understand and apply the words I have and will speak to you through my chosen servants, for they have come to share with you My words and My heart. These servants have been raised up to pray for you, the team, and the revival for which you have asked. These shall I use to strengthen and encourage you for I can trust them.”

“Be strong and of good courage my son for I will go before you and prepare the way. I will go with you and show you the way and I will be behind you and shall establish the fruit of your labor. Go in this your strength—that I, the Lord God, am with you.”

Tidewater, Virginia

Feb. 5, 1979

Time in California came to an end and we left on Feb. 1 to drive across country. Was a precious time in Solvang! We have a wonderful spiritual family there and are very grateful.

Our trip across the United States on I-20 was very good. We had time to pray for each state as we drove through—for showers of revival blessing—and this was a privilege.

In Solvang the YWAM base was going through a very heavy time financially. From my involvement in some of the meetings have come some probing thoughts on Christian principles of finance that I have been meditating upon. Lord, I know that You want us as a team to understand Your ways in this vital area. Teach us that we might teach others.

- “teach me your decrees” – Ps. 119:26
- “Teach me O Lord to follow your decrees then I will keep them until the end” Ps. 119:133.
- “I will always walk about in freedom for I have sought out your precepts” (Ps. 119:45).

Since Christmas I have enjoyed reading the New International Version of the Bible. It is very readable, scholarly, and I am enjoying it. Only a few Scriptures are questionable. What a privilege to have such access to the wealth of God's printed Word!

Today finds us back in Virginia about to begin an extension of our fall crusade. The team is slowly gathering back together from various parts.

Very deeply I sense the need of God to strengthen the fibers of my soul and raise me up to lead and go after revival. More and more I am learning my true spiritual bankruptcy apart from God and His gracious Hand upon all that I do. May it ALL be done always for Him.

February 14, 1979 – Valentine's Day

God has helped us to once again settle into ministry in the Tidewater area, and I am thankful. We've been tested in some ways during the beginning of our extended crusade, but I believe it has been for our good.

Last week came the logistical testing. After our Father graciously helped us to find a trailer park in central Tidewater. A few snows blanketed the area and the weather grew cold. This caused many difficulties in setting up the trailers. Then we had a problem with lights and heating. In the cold weather our hoses froze, and pipes burst. It took us a week of working and getting help to really get back on our feet. Praise the Lord, He saw us through.

The testing was good as it again focused our eyes on Him and our utter need for His favor. Through some of the time I thought of the words of William Bradford who remarked about the difficult circumstances the Pilgrims found upon arriving in the New World.

"Who could sustain them but the Spirit of God and His grace?"

*Though the circumstances do not compare in terms of depth and adversity, I thank you, Father, for strengthening me through these words.

On Sunday we began our revival meetings at the Providence Friends Church in Virginia Beach. So far, the spirit of conviction has been slow in coming—and I've felt a general heaviness and lack of freedom in my teaching. Some spiritual walls need to be torn down that awakening may take place.

+ This morning, Lord, you have begun with me. I've confessed my pride and unbelief and want to rise to the occasion of revival. Strengthen my hands and fill my heart with your truth and your love and your light.

February 21, 1979

Grace, grace, marvelous grace! It is for His favor that I cry out today.

Our meetings at the Providence Friends Church have been somewhat subdued and there has not been a deep spirit of conviction in the minds of the people. We praised God that many individuals have been awakened. There has also been some opposition. In the building momentum of the meetings we are asking God for increasing conviction of sin and stimulation for Christian service.

A few days ago, we did an 18-hour prayer watch at the church. During my hour yesterday, I took a walk out into the snow-covered field and met with my Savior. It was a good hour of much intercession. During the time, God spoke to me about some things that I want to record for His glory:

1. God spoke to a man in the church that some thoughts out of Ezekiel 2,3 seemed appropriate regarding the crusade. This seemed to be the gist of the idea: "Son of man, I am sending you to a rebellious nation. You must speak my words to them whether they listen or fail to listen...But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you."

+Again, God emphasized this to me in my time of prayer. Speak my messages whether they listen or not. Be faithful to Me and I will be with you. These words were a great comfort and encouragement to my heart.

2. Inspiration came to me about a message I will be giving March 2 following a time of inter-church fasting and prayer. The subject will be "The Sin of Dis-unity."
3. Was again impressed to invite Joy Dawson to our Maine crusade in May.

*I press toward the mark of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

February 27, 1979

Our two weeks of meetings at the Providence Friends Church ended on somewhat of a triumphant note. Blessed be God Who always attends even the poorest of our labors.

On the Friday evening as I shared the message "When Free Men Shall Stand," there was a real moving among the people and 20-30 came and knelt for prayer and to commit themselves to God to help carry the burden of the sin of our nation. The evening turned into a precious time of confession, dedication, and intercession for America. May everyone whose heart was stirred carry through.

*On Sunday we began meetings in the First Friends Church in Portsmouth. In the morning service I shared my personal testimony of revival from Psalm 119:153ff and in the evening on "Accounting to God"—Lamentations 3:39,40. So far there are a few visible results.

*The coldness we have been facing in our recent series of meetings, as well as some second thoughts I've had about sending our latest newsletter, have brought me to a time of prayer. I've been convicted of getting ahead of God and not praying things through and now

promise to “do only what He tells me” (Numbers 22:20). I’ve also been guilty of not enough prayer, and of pride as to reporting our ministry. In one way I can deeply relate to the following words: “I have sinned. I did not realize...” (Numbers 22:34).

I do want to learn, Father, from your heavy dealings in my life and again choose to be—with Your help—a humble, prayerful, diligent and wise man. Thank you for your encouragement, love and great patience toward me. Direct me in that which Jesus would do.

February 29, 1979

I thank you, Father, for being a God of revelation and great humbling insight. You’ve shown me today great pride in how I have been putting together our team newsletter—lifting up our ministry instead of having a single eye for your glory.

In deep repenting, I fling myself upon your mercy and loving help. Thank you also for helping me clear up a “residue of conscience” that I have now taken care of.

This is what I’ve learned: Proud thoughts lead to proud words and actions. With humility of mind I must regard others as more important than myself.

*Strengthen me now to continue the work. The ministry goes on, and I desire it to be full of truth and Your Spirit. I want to lead this team in your paths of humility which brings your power.

March 5, 1979

Our series of meetings at the First Friends Church of Portsmouth ended on Friday evening. At 6 pm we held a united prayer meeting and fasted and prayed, especially for the church. Three-to-four churches were represented. Following the prayer meeting we held a joint service in which I spoke on “The Sin of Dis-unity.” I pray that God will use this burden of His heart.

The meetings at First Friends were difficult. They ended well, with increasing understanding and conviction, yet I believe there were some hindrances, and more time was needed to see a work of revival.

*Sunday morning, we all ministered at the Grassfield Baptist Church and in the evening at Providence Friends.

+ Personally, I am tired and learning a lot. I want to stay close to You, Father, in prayer and keep my hand to the plow. Oh, to be worthy and humbly usable in your calling!

“But I trust in your unfailing love...I will sing to the Lord for He has been good to me” (Psalm 13:5,6).

March 5, 1979

As I went to sleep last night, God was faithful to remind me of my priorities in His service. Lately I have been confusing this order. His loving Hand is not directing me back. These, then, are my responsibilities before God in their proper order: 1) Pray. 2) Prophecy—speaking ministry. 3) Lead.

*I will walk in this revelation today.

March 8, 1979

The Word of God has been sweet to me the past few days. Out of a deep time spiritually God also wonderfully showed me how He was teaching me HUMILITY. This was my goal for the year, however I had forgotten it in the test. Thank you, Lord, for reminding me, forgiving me, and leading me on.

March 10, 1979

Insights in the Bible have been precious lately. Emerging out of a low time, God has refreshed me through His words which have been my inspiration. Yesterday He again directed me to this precious verse:

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace. But with humility comes wisdom.”

As I fasted and prayed for America yesterday (being Friday), the revelation really came to me that the United States was under the judgment of God because she was truly the wickedest nation on earth. I’ve never really seen this before as I’ve compared our beloved nation to various communist regimes. However, it came to me that these nations only had wicked rulers—but the sins of the people were not as great as ours. Quite a sobering thought...and grounds for crying out for mercy.

Mar. 12, 1979

I thanked God today for another year in His gracious service, and what a joy it is to know and love Him and rejoice with friends over His goodness here in Chesapeake, Virginia. Truly He is God and His mercy endures forever.

Hampton, Virginia

Mar. 15, 1979

This week we have had the joy and privilege as a team of attending the Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts held in Hampton, Virginia. It has been so enlightening! Bill Gothard (on video only) impresses me so much as a humble, wise man of God, and listening to him has made me realize how little I know. What an inspiration to be a man of the Word!

I believe I am learning some principles this week that will change my life and ministry. This is my prayer.

Mar. 18, 1979

The Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar has been such a blessing. Day after day, I have been deeply impressed with the wisdom and humility of Mr. Gothard and the great importance of the areas of teaching he gives. These things are very important fundamentals for all Christians, and I have been stirred and inspired.

During the seminar God was also speaking deeply to me about my character (of lack of it). For three of four days my spirit was extremely heavy as God exposed more aspects of pride in my life. It again centered around my speech, and especially the manifestation of defensiveness. The whole encounter has also led me to re-examine the proper basis and scope of confession of sin. I have so much to learn and then want to lead others in God's ways.

In the coming days I would like to list the many things I have learned from the IBYC personally, and things that apply to our ministry.

God is our magnificent Master who humbles, chastens His children and then leads them in the principles of His Word. Proverbs 17:27,28 is my hope.

*Shirley and I had a wonderful time this evening praying over every room of our trailer and dedicating them to God's service.

March 24, 1979

"How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land?" (Joshua 18:3).

"The men started on their way to map out the land" (Josh. 18:8).

God seems to be speaking to me through these verses. He's saying it is time for us to begin looking for a home for our ministry. Just the other day, I decided to order some maps of the U.S. to "begin" my thinking and this seems to be a good step. God grant us favor and light as we move forward in obedience.

Tidewater, Virginia

Mar. 25, 1979

Following the week at Basic Youth, God seemed to direct us to begin three or four weeks of study as a team. The Lord seemed to arrange the details by canceling a week of meetings we were to have at a Baptist Church and bringing other ministry opportunities down to a minimum. This has given us more freedom to alter our schedule and really dig into the Word of God. I n

some ways I see this as making up for the months of training that we gave up by returning to Virginia after our Christmas break. God's ways and timing are always the best.

This past week we have been going over the IBYC material section by section. Everyone is attempting to put in about 30 hours of study over a two-week period, and then we are discussing it every day. Noted below are some of things I personally have been learning so far:

1. Overall, I see my desperate need to be a man of the Word and squarely base all aspects of my life on God's principles. As Mr. Gothard says, "wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective" and understanding is "responding correctly to life situations." God's Word is the guide.
2. For the first time God has been able to clearly explain to me Mr. Gothard's teaching on submission to authority, and after thinking and studying, I agree with him. I have been incorrect in my understanding of submission to parents especially and never seen so clearly as I now do how important it is for a person to obey their father figure in all things except commands and counsel that are in direct conflict with God's moral law. This especially applies in getting guidance for future ministry and vocation. The ways of God are to speak through parents.
3. When we, in rebellion and independence refuse to listen, we take ourselves outside of God-given authority and expose ourselves to unnecessary temptation and decreased fruitfulness. In my own life I don't believe that my submission to my parents would have altered my direction, however I do feel that my lack of submission to their counsel and commands laid me open to pressures that God never intended. I do thank Him for now helping to establish a good "chain of counsel" with them and that they are the strongest supporters of our ministry.
4. I am also so sorry that I have wrongly counseled young people in this area of authority and have now set my heart on doing differently. God forgive me and bless my new light!

That's it for now, but much more is to come!

+ In the Scriptures this morning I was impressed with a few verses. One was a compliment paid by Joshua to a few of the tribes of Israel which contained these words:

"You have carried out the mission that the Lord gave you" (Joshua 22:3 – NIV). God help me to do likewise with my life.

Also, the following progression of words really spoke to me about following Christ. They are found in Joshua 22:5:

- Love God – relationship
- Obey His commands – always obey.
- Hold fast to Him – persevere intensely
- Serve Him – fulfill His calling on my life.

*Father, I look forward to applying these nuggets of truth. Thank you for the understanding that shows me the right path.

Mar. 29, 1979

These are days of great blessing along with a few tests. The blessings are the many revelations from God's Word that have come because of spending more time in Scripture memorization and meditation, and sermon preparation for the seminars we are giving.

Lately I have really sensed (I hope spiritually) that history is precariously situated in 1979 and that some real changes in the world are about to come upon us. I believe that drastic economic upheaval is coming upon us soon. Sound, biblical financial footing is a must. In short, the end may be near when "no man can work" and we must be prepared and continue laboring.

The tests have been in the financial realm among the team, and I am looking to God for great wisdom, aid, and power in the coming months and maybe years.

My Numbered Days --April 1979 (Ps. 90:12)

My Calling: Revival through teaching and prophetic evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76)

Priorities: Be a man of prayer and the Word. Preach and teach the Gospel. Serve in leading the Renewal Team.

LIFE OBJECTIVE: To be a humble servant of God by laboring for souls in revival.

STRATEGIES: Praying, teaching, leading the Renewal Team.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS:

1. May 3 – July 1 -Renewal Crusade – Gray-North Windham, Maine.
2. May 26-June 1 – Teaching at New Hampshire base? (team 26,27)
3. June 2-4 – Windham, June 5-9 – Midwest trip, June 10-15 – YWAM Conference – Italy

April 1, 1979

The Lord's Day—the Word of God was especially precious to me today. Out of Ps. 50 I was encouraged to be a man of thankfulness. Out of Judges I was inspired to be a mighty warrior (like Jephthah). From Proverbs 4 (quickly becoming a favorite chapter) I was encouraged to seek wisdom, guard my heart and conscience (and emerge out of the time of testing and

consternation that I'm in), put away wrong talk from my lips, and know that God will plant me firmly in His ways. My prayers this morning focused on the ministry of the Word.

+ World Literature Crusade School of Prayer that we attended Friday night and all-day Saturday was also an inspiration! Much light to obey and things to go over.

[Dick Eastman taught this great seminar and forty years later would write the forward to my Book *River of God: Where Religion Began and Why Grace and Love Will Triumph*.]

April 4, 1979

For a few days now, I have been pondering the area of confession. Since IBYC my conscience has been very tender. In some of the situations in which I've been convicted of sin, there has been almost confusion in my mind as to whom I should confess. In the 5-7 years of my Christian experience, I have never really had this trouble before, and for all that time, I have firmly believed in the importance of having a clear conscience. It is one area of teaching that I've had the greatest burden in myself, and now I'm struggling with it.

Today God began to help me. First, I examined Matthew 5:23,24, and this verse is clear in teaching that we are to confess our sins to people we have truly offended. I then looked in James 5 and Proverbs 28:13. Next God brought to my mind "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." The idea impressed here was to make sure I confess to God the sins that only offended Him and to people that ones that touched them. Out of this little teaching time I made out a list of the "questionable situations" in my mind, and now in God's strength and leading I intend to follow Him and come clean. May He clearly lead me on.

Apr. 8, 1979

I spoke last night at a dinner organized by the local chapter of National Educators Fellowship (a group of Christian public-school teachers). In the afternoon before the meeting God was gracious to give me fresh revelation on being a Christian reformer—and I applied this to education. God blessed the word. This morning:

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord, yes I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds" (Ps. 77:11-12).



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TEAM REPORT

O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years.

Hab. 3:2

APRIL 1979

Greetings in Jesus from the Renewal Team!

We know that many of you will be wondering why you haven't heard from us recently. It had been our intention to send out a newsletter immediately following our return to Virginia after the Christmas break. In fact, one was written and ready for mailing when God began to give us doubts about it's content and style.

As a result, we prayed together to re-define the basic purpose, content, and distribution of the newsletter so as to bring most glory to Him. The main caution God placed on our hearts was our need to magnify and honor Him through all that we wrote, without drawing unnecessary attention to us as a team. We wanted to be personal and familiar with our families and friends, but humble and inconspicuous in our reporting methods.

We have decided to make the main body of the newsletter a teaching tool to instruct in the ways of revival. A separate insert (this section) will be included and sent to those we know personally. Thus, the two-fold purpose of this newsletter to teach the ways of revival, and to share personal news has not been altered. Please send us any comments or advice you may have.

We are just now coming to the end of an extended period of ministry in the Tidewater area of Virginia. Before Christmas you may remember we were ministering at Berean Chapel. Assistance was given by a number of outside speakers, including Nate Krupp from Lay Evangelism International, and Dr. Paris Reidhead. We all appreciated the teaching and ministry of these men.

Following the Christmas break we had intended to return to Solvang, California, for a period of re-evaluation and teaching. However, as a result of future crusade opportunities opening up here, and our next crusade being in Maine, we decided to leave our trailers behind in Virginia and return to this area after the holiday break.

In early February we gathered from Europe and various parts of the United States, to be greeted by the coldest winter Virginia has had in many years. This caused quite a number of problems for our trailers, which God encouraged us to turn into opportunities as we learned to thank Him while trying to repair burst water pipes, and other cold weather difficulties.

The second phase of our ministry began with nightly meetings in two separate Friends Churches. The first, Providence Friends, has been our center of operation for the last two months. As a result of the two weeks of nightly meetings, and especially the emphasis on prayer that was given, a prayer chain was started. The importance of prayer was seen by many in the church before our arrival, so we were able to add further inspiration and practical guidelines, which helped deepen their understanding and prayer times individually and corporately. We also held an evening of fasting and prayer that was attended by a number of Christians from different churches. It was exciting to see the unifying of the Body of Christ in this way, and we hope this was only the first of many such gatherings.

Logo above, General George Washington in Prayer at Valley Forge by James Edward Kelly, a bronze bas-relief, 1904, and used courtesy of Library of Congress, symbolizes the Renewal Team's commitment to world evangelism through revival.

Duane Rice, pastor of Providence Friends Church, whose life and cooperation has meant much to us, gave the following summary: "The folks of our church that availed themselves to the revival ministry of the team have a new awareness of what is a holy lifestyle. Through a depth of teaching of the Word of God we have been made much more aware of sin in our lives and around us. A deeper prayer ministry is coming forth in our church as a result of the team's leadership. We thank God for allowing us this privilege during the past two months."

In the midst of these and many other activities, we were given the privilege of attending the "Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts" (32-hour seminar put on by Bill Gothard) and the World Literature Crusade sponsored "World School of Prayer" seminar. We were encouraged to set time aside to study the Basic Youth material in greater depth. So, individually and together we have discussed and reviewed these teachings over the past few weeks. We will also be giving additional attention to the material covered at the "World School of Prayer".

One immediate application of Bill Gothard's teaching on authority will be the departure of our newest team member, Cliff Heeney. Cliff strongly believes he is to return home to submit to his parents and spend time working for his father. We will all be very sorry to see him go. However, we know too that God will bless him for his obedience to these principles clearly defined in God's Word.

It has been very encouraging for us to have the support of our parents in this ministry. Anita's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johan Mostert, from South Africa, were with us for a week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt, the parents of Lynn Davison, came for a week from California. We look forward to visits from many of our families and friends while we are on the east coast!

Our crusade in Virginia has almost drawn to a close. We are holding one final combined service at Providence Friends on Good Friday, April 13. As a team we are taking a few days off as well, in order to get all the trailers and vehicles ready for our departure for Maine on April 23.

We have been invited to Maine by two Assembly of God churches. There is a real hunger in the hearts of a number of pastors in that area for revival, so we trust God to give us all insight as we seek Him together for a move of His Spirit. Also for this crusade we will be welcoming five new team members: Judy Anderson is joining us after spending a year in Scotland with YWAM, Bev Fish, Mary Scott, Mike Fitzgerald and Rich Riedesel are all coming from Solvang, California. They will be a great help and encouragement to us, and with the many talents and abilities they have will greatly add to the effectiveness and breadth of our ministry.

Finally, we would like to share with you a number of prayer requests. Prayer is the key to success of any ministry, and we thank you for every moment you spent seeking God on our behalf. Firstly, please ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of pastors and their congregations for the coming crusade, which will be held in Maine from May 3 - July 1. Also, we need prayer regarding all the practical preparation that must be made before we can leave Virginia. The rising cost of gasoline could greatly affect the mobility of our team. We need wisdom and provision in this area, as well as travelling protection as we make our way to Maine. We also request prayer for the new team members, that they will very quickly settle in and be used by God in their various fields of ministry, and for us all that we would experience God's power and direction as the crusade commences, so that many would see and believe. Last of all, pray for New England - one of the most needy areas of this country, that God would pour out His Spirit in a wonderful revival of His people.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord". (1Cor 15:58)

Sincerely in Him,

Ron, Shirley, Steve, Anita, Mike, Lynn, Wendy, Roger, Cliff

April 10, 1979

We take a week of “rest” currently, but it is hard to keep to! God has been so faithful and gracious. His mercy is over all His works.

I’m once again meditating in Proverbs in the evenings before bed and the wisdom found there is sweet to my taste. Some gems this evening:

“Wise men store up knowledge” – Prov. 10:14 (I must collect and store truth to share with the world). “Wisdom (is like sport) to a man of understanding – Proverbs 10:23. God **has given me a new “game”—becoming wise.**

*Oh, to be wise! May this ever be my pursuit—my meat and my drink.

April 12, 1979

Yesterday the team traveled about 200 miles west of here to look at a property that is for sale. We used the day to scout around and get some ideas on what God would want us to have in the way of a **home base**. What a strong desire to hear the voice of God and make a right and faithful decision!

I am been very inspired in reading Robert Tuttle’s biography of *John Wesley*. What an effective life that man of God lived! May I glean from this book insights into Christ’s character and that will help me be used for the Master.

+ 1 Tim. 1:5 – “The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart (absence of pride), a good conscience (absence of disobedience) and a sincere faith (absence of unbelief).

April 13, 1979 – Good Friday

We celebrated the evening of our Lord’s death with a time of inter-church fasting and prayer. It was a precious hour of intercession, followed by an anointed **message by Dean Harvey**. The service was concluded with communion together. Tears flowed from my cheeks and heart as I realized a fresh vision of God’s love for me.

While kneeling at the altar to receive the bread and wine, he Lord seemed to speak to me: “I love you. **You will suffer for my sake.**” I asked him **is I could have the privilege of seeing revival. He replied, “Yes, Follow Me.”** It was a lovely encounter with the lover of my soul. May His words be true, and may I do what is pleasing in His sight.

April 16, 1979

Yesterday was a special Easter Sunday with the family of God. Gloriously we could exclaim together, “He is risen!”

This morning in my reading in 1 Samuel 18, I was struck with the correlation between God being with David and him being successful and wise. “Success comes with God’s presence and wisdom” (NIV). May I ever walk with God and do so with His wisdom.

We have faced some buffetings as we prepare to finish in Virginia and head to Maine. Personally, I have felt somewhat dry and in need of a new spiritual spark. Then, may a fire of revival be kindled as the spark jumps to others!

April 18, 1979

The team is experiencing some testing. I am rejoicing, and God is keeping me strong. The assault of the enemy, however, increases as we finish our work in Virginia and prepare to go up to the Northeast.

I have just finished the excellent biography on John Wesley that has brought great inspiration. I am really drawn to and want to learn from Mr. Wesley’s: 1) devotional habits and personal disciplines, 2) organizational and leadership insights, 3) great personal depth, 4) Ability to read and write, and 5) labors for revival.

+ This evening Shirley and I and Steve and Anita had a very nice time of dinner and fellowship with Jim and June Powell. **An interesting offer during our visit was them saying they would be willing to give us a 44-acre property near Richmond for a home base if we wanted it.** God is sure beginning to “whet our appetite” over this issue. May we have His wisdom, timing, and only His place.

*Wednesday evening was our final night with the people of **Providence Friends Church**. After a delicious pot-luck meal together, we had a time of sharing—and then the church gathered around us and prayed. There were great words of encouragement and prophecy. Personally, some people admonished me to **continue speaking boldly the word of the Lord**. It was a tender time. God—lead this precious flock on.

April 22, 1979

We’ve had some lovely “final visits” with friends in the Tidewater area this week. This morning the team took the service at **Berean Chapel and I preached on “Shaking and Awakening” out of Hebrews 12:14-29** and a few verses from chapter 13. God was visibly present at the meeting and it was a fitting end to our stay in Tidewater.

++ God has been so good to us here. It has much been His will to begin our revival labors here in this part of the country and with these specific churches. May much fruit come forth! May it follow us and only grow and grow.

*This week the Colson family (Preston and Jackie and kids) submitted their guidance to join the Renewal Team, Over the months God has spoken to them about the possibility of selling

their business and home and come with us to especially help us establish a home base. We rejoice in Christ (they are dear friends) and look forward to God's confirmation of this decision.

Hartford, Connecticut

April 25, 1979

We're just outside Hartford, Connecticut, and already on this trip we've seen the blessing of God. Our vehicles have done well—even through a little “detour” at rush hour in New York City—as the angels of God escorted us. Lord-willing we will drive into Maine today and begin our labors in New England.

My heart—be strengthened in God! I must kindle the flame of God in my own heart to follow and obey the Master.

Morristown, New Jersey

(God also truly refreshed us yesterday with a 4-5 hour stay at the Pinajians in Morristown NJ. Yes, the presence of fellow believers in Christ is indeed sweet!)

North Windham, Maine

Apr. 27, 1979

Having arrived at our destination for our second Renewal Crusade, we are busily making ourselves at home and preparing for the coming weeks. We made it to the Gray-Windham area Wednesday evening, and bless God, the journey was a very pleasant and uneventful one.

I see the hand of God in preparing for us here. A beautiful location for our trailers has been provided at the *Sebago Basin Campground* in North Windham. The park “just happened to be here” telephone lines running to it—which is needed for our phone. The people that own the campground (Manchester family) have been very kind to us and have even allowed us to park our office trailer here at no charge. Those situations and others have given us great encouragement.

Soon, we will begin to seek the Lord and go to work. What does the Lord have in store for us in Maine?

Apr. 28, 1979

I was greatly encouraged recently reading in 1 Chronicles 12 describing the army that gathered around David before he became king [which would become the message “The World’s Greatest Army on the World’s Greatest Mission.”] The NIV version of the Bible lists very graphically the qualities of the soldiers. Very inspiring! I sure desire to be a part of an “army” that is courageous and well-equipped to do exploits for God.

Apr. 29, 1979

Preached this morning and evening in a small AOG church in a town called Fryeburg near Windham. A young man named Kent Newhook is the pastor. Fryeburg is a new town of 3000 with only one evangelical church. Preached out of Joel 2 in the morning and spoke on the “Great Awakening” in the evening. May God bless the Word shared.

May 1, 1979

Today we begin as a team a three-day fast to invoke God’s blessing on this crusade. I believe God had directed us to meditate in Isaiah 57:14-58:14. We are fasting in the morning as individuals, at noon all together, and at dinner time as couples and in single pairs. May God teach us much about this time and pour out His blessing.

*A little tidbit of revelation from Jesus: “Success comes from a willing heart that out of love of Christ has disciplined itself to become wise.”

May 4, 1979

Our crusade meetings in Gray-North Windham began last evening. God brought a good crowd and I sensed a good spirit in the service. That can be attributed to prayer. I spoke on “The Great Awakening—Revive Us Again” and there was good concentration. May God mightily use the ministry here.

I was impressed to read Psalm 100 today. God quickened to me that He would “extend” (I took this to mean “cause to branch out”) our work here—that we would “rule in the middle of our enemies” and that the team would be “willing in the day of battle.” Generally, I was encouraged about God’s great power to crush his foes. May I always be His friend.

May 11, 1979

Thank you, Lord, for helping me catch up on things as our ministry gets into high gear here. I’ve felt some of the pressure of beginning a new crusade in a new geographical area—with new people and new responsibilities. Your help has been my hope.

The addition of five people to the team (Bev Fish, Rich Riedesel, Judith Anderson, and Mary Scott, Mike Fitzgerald)—we now number 13--has been a joy. I've also noticed an increased need on my part to counsel, disciple, be a stable shepherd over these lives—and what an awesome responsibility this is. In so many ways they are my peers, yet in other ways, God has asked me to lead.

[Two wonderful lifetime family friends would emerge out of this addition—Rich & Bev Riedesel and Roger and Mary Cresswell.]

The growth of the team has led to a new structure and ministry chart. I want us to be organized for godly efficiency.

And from the nightly meetings in Gray we have been learning a lot. The people that we are ministering to need much teaching on revival. We have started an 18-hour prayer chain that we hope God will use to bring down His blessings. In speaking, God has reminded me of the importance of truth with kindness and emphasizing the positive truth of the Gospel as compared to highlighting and tearing down false theological ideas.

I have repented in this area of mis-preaching a message on “The Law of the Lord” and want with all my heart to do never do this again.

*I also thank the Lord for healing me of a head cold this week—my only “bad” day was our free day. As far as I can remember, I have not missed an opportunity to speak for God due to illness. God be praised for His care.

May 14, 1979

Our work in Maine is beginning to show some fruit. At the Sunday morning services in the area there were some good testimonies and a “sense in the air” that God was wanting to do something. At the same time, I have greatly wondered if we would be able to break through the religious mentality of the people and the basic apathy. From 1 Thess. 2 I was encouraged (v. 1-12, NIV):

- “our visit to you was not a failure.”
- “with the help of God...we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the Gospel.”
- “we were gentle among you...delighted to share our lives...and not be a burden to anyone.”
- “how holy, righteous and blameless we were among those who believed...encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives worthy of God.”

+ This brought great encouragement to my heart and in our evening prayer meeting, we “roused ourselves” to lay hold of God and not quit in pursuing the fruit here. In the service I spoke on “The Wages of Sin” and great conviction followed the Word.

May. 21, 1979

As our labors for revival here have continued, God has steadily increased the depth of the work. Last night's weekly meetings saw increased numbers of people and increased conviction. On Sunday morning, **Pastor Adra Lovely** humbled himself before his congregation and really exhorted his people to be at the meetings and "not miss God." In the Gray church there was also good confessions and a good spirit. In the evening I spoke on the love of God and great encouragement came. **People are really starting to meet with God in prayer and come clean from sin.**

+ Thank you, My Father, for the understanding that revival here will not necessarily display tears and emotions. These are familiar enough. Revival in this setting will be seen in changed thinking, fresh concepts, and altered behavior. This we seek to provide with Your help.

May 23, 1979

After talking with Larry Ford last evening and hearing how, in many ways, our "Pencil Project" has been a failure, I've begun to pray about how we got into this business and what God would have us to learn.

These thoughts emerge from prayer today:

1. Though our involvement in the book ministry may have been from God, we "failed to count or pay the cost" of a business venture of this nature.
2. It is true that, overall, God blessed the short venture. He had promised this and was faithful.
3. But also, because we entered the project to "get rich quick," He could not honor this violation of principle.

*And now we must do what the Lord says to recover from this mistake and move on. I am thankful for God's patience towards me in my bad judgment and set my heart to learn from Him.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

May 29, 1979

A few days back we completed our three weeks of meetings. Praise to God that the last three nights saw the biggest crowds and a spiritual momentum that was building. As I preached on the final night "When Free Men Shall Stand." There was a good and powerful response. God be praised and now bring forth the fruit.

Saturday the team drove down to Portsmouth, New Hampshire where Steve and I had lunch with Pastor Peter Miller of the Bethel AOG and then we all continued down to the YWAM base in Jeffrey. God allowed us to come here for a three day “rest break” and enjoy fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Had a lovely weekend together and was even able to visit their new property in Concord.

The team returned to Maine yesterday and I have stayed to speak to the DTS. Besides the usual burden of my heart, I’ve been impressed to share **some thoughts with them on Christian character. [Which led to may eventual series and book on the subject.]**

+ Father--may this time be a season of refreshment for my own soul. I want to number my days for you.

May 30, 1979

Proverbs 13-15 were very enlightening this morning. Prov. 13:11 says “he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.” This is encouragement to be saving some funds for certain purchases. In Prov. 14:8, 15 I read, “The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,” and “a prudent man gives thought to his steps.” This was real encouragement to deeply think through and ponder many of the decision facing our ministry. God wants us to be “prudent” in all our ways. These and other tidbits of wisdom brought enlargement to my being this morning. Thank you, my ALL-WISE GOD!

May 31, 1979

Took some time to ponder and pray this afternoon over the future of the Renewal Team. Thought about the decision for establishing roots. Looked at some Scriptures. Also talked to the Lord about our vehicles and what direction we should be going. Following is a summary of my revelation:

1. Most obvious to me is the need for much more wisdom and thought behind all decisions. Impressed on my mind was Prov. 4:26, “Consider the paths of your feet and stay only on ways that are firm.” I still need to cry out for the perspective and insights necessary to make the decisions.
2. I was encouraged to look at the ministry of Jesus to formulate a wise approach to our decisions. In this regard, it seemed a truth to “minimize the use of things and maximize the use of people.”
3. We need to begin praying regularly over the decisions—especially the home base question—so God can lead us and get all the glory.



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O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years.

Hab. 3:2

A personal letter from Ron
to family and friends.

Warm greetings in the love of Christ!

Not long ago I was impressed with a desire to communicate more openly and fully with special family members and friends that God has so graciously given to me. Saying "thank you" for your Christian love and friendship was one desire. Another was to renew the relationship we had once shared, though altered now by time and distance. Primarily in my heart was a deep desire to encourage and stimulate you personally to walk closely to Christ during these important days.

And so I thought it might be good every now and then to send out a 'letter' to you that God might be able to use to link us together in His purposes. Outside of personal contact with many of you, I thought that a general letter of this type could also be beneficial for edification and encouragement.

As you know, the Renewal Team is now working in southern Maine. At the invitation of two Assembly of God churches, the thirteen of us (we've grown some) have come to New England to labor for spiritual revival. We've been here now for nearly a month, and day by day God is blessing our endeavors.

Maine is a beautiful state! Reminds me of another location about 3000 miles away which is also woodsy, green, and has alot of rain! The three large trailers that we have for our married couples are located in a beautiful campground in the town of North Windham near Lago Lake - the second largest lake in Maine, covering over 50 sq. miles. Spring is in full bloom here now after a harsh, snowy winter, and the countryside is green and beautiful. The trailers are lined up on private campsites, each with a picnic table and outdoor stove. It is becoming warm enough to eat outside, but only if you're willing to share the food with the mosquitoes and "may flies" (a special small fly that stings like a bee). Our mobile office trailer is also parked here and in use. The singles on the team are living in the homes of Christian families in various parts of this area which is dotted with small towns and vacation spots.

Since May 3rd, we have been actively involved in ministry. Since many have asked what our work really entails, may I briefly describe a 'typical' week.

Tuesday morning the 13 of us meet at 9 a.m. at the campground for a team meeting. This morning we talk about the week's activities, about the development of our ministry and pray. The afternoon is given to personal responsibilities which may include vehicle and trailer maintenance, team administration, music and drama practices, evangelism, wife's shopping, cleaning, and preparing meals, cassette tape duplication, meetings with local people and pastors, personal prayer and study. . . and various errands. Around 5 p.m. we break for dinner, and then leave at 6 p.m. for the evening crusade service. From 6:30-7 p.m. there is a prayer meeting in the church basement. The service begins at 7, and the two pastors lead the singing and open in prayer. Announcements are shared, and special music by various team members goes forth. There is also a segment of time given to people to share their testimonies of what God is doing in reviving their hearts and minds. The body of the service is then given to the message which lasts 45-60 minutes. The service closes with a spirit of real conviction upon the congregation, with people staying after to pray at the altar or in their pew, and others being counseled personally by team members. Downstairs, some of the girls have been involved in ministry to children during the sermon. Anywhere between 9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. the ministry comes to a close, and we get into our vehicles to return to our homes".

Wednesday through Saturday the afternoons and evenings are fairly the same - with all of the activities centering on the awakening of men's hearts through the nightly services. The morning team meetings vary, with one day being given to study (a manual on prayer), another

Logo above, *General George Washington in Prayer at Valley Forge* by James Edward Kelly, a bronze bas-relief, 1904, and used courtesy of Library of Congress, symbolizes the Renewal Team's commitment to world evangelism through revival.

set aside for group intercession for the world and various other needs, and also one meeting in which the girls meet together and the guys meet together to talk and pray about things that apply particularly to them. (Especially the girls!)

On Sundays we split up into groups of three or four and go to a number of morning services. Some people minister, and others come to just support the local fellowships. One group of three are working on Sundays with the youth group of a church which is about 30 miles away, and God is using them there. On Sunday evening there is again a united crusade meeting in the town of Gray.

Monday is our day of rest, and the couples are especially encouraged to spend it together. On a few occasions Shirley and I have gone into a nearby city to shop, have dinner or just relax and explore together. The name of the city is Portland - and sometimes we do wish that it was another place by that name! Upon returning to North Windham, we prepare for the coming week and the work continues.

The life-style and ministry that God has led us into on the Renewal Team has been both challenging and very rewarding. Of primary importance we have begun to learn (through constant change, travel, and front-line ministry) that our life on the earth must consist in obedience to the will of God, and a willingness to truly perceive our true 'citizenship in heaven.' (Phil 3:20). Our mobile lifestyle has the tendency to greatly reinforce this. Fresh to our understanding have come the words of Jesus: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (Mt6:19-21). Homes, possessions, and roots do have a tendency to steal human affections if not carefully watched. In any way of life, we must all be careful to not build our securities around 'things' or give our hearts to the pursuit of such that is temporal. We are learning that we must be totally and committedly abandoned to Christ and His heavenly affections. We are grateful to be learning these things through our present work. More and more we believe that it is a lesson and a viewpoint that all of us in the Western world must bring to balance.

In the quest of revival I have also been learning much more regarding the importance of prayer. For a number of years God has slowly been bringing me to the conviction that prayer, must be the way of life of the one who wishes to be used by the Almighty. The greater my involvement in Christian ministry has become, the more I've seen my need to spend more quantitative and qualitative time in God's presence before the Throne. A number of seasons of prayer throughout the day has been the direction of the Holy Spirit. The morning is probably the most important time, and I've yet to read about or hear about any person whom God deeply used that did not solidly begin his day with the Lord. This is the starting point. Recently I've been challenged to begin using a part of the lunch hour for moments in prayer. . and this has also been rewarding. Finally God brought the conviction that before going to bed it would be very edifying to end the day with prayer. Combining this time with Scripture meditation and memorization (have greatly enjoyed the Sermon on the Mount - Mt 5-7 lately) has brought great intimacy to my relationship with God.

These personal prayer disciplines coupled with the team life of prayer are becoming a way of life that I know I need very badly. Prayer is the fountain of both personal and church renewal. No wonder Daniel, the man of God prayed three times a day (Dan 6:10) and rose to lead a nation. King David, the man after God's own heart said, "Evening, and morning, and noon will I pray and cry aloud. . He will hear my voice." (Ps55:17 KJV).

The call and burden of revival continues to be the beacon before us. The more we travel; the more I have opportunity to speak for Christ; the more I read the news; the more I go out among the people. . in all these things all the world seems to be crying "revive us again." To respond to this I know that I must begin with my own life. Am I seeking first His kingdom? May my heart reply back with a resounding, "Yes with the help of God!" As the words to a song that I've grown to love well describe:

"Let me be a living fire, for your glory King of Kings. Fill my soul with pure desire, ever while I live. ."

Thanks again for your friendship and care. May these words, in some way, be an encouragement to you as you are diligent to burn brightly for the Master. I am

Yours in the pursuit of God,



Jaffrey, New Hampshire

June 7, 1979

I was led to Psalm 34 this morning at a time of real need. This past few days has been difficult. The sense of the presence of God and my ability to hear his voice has dimmed. I was directed to read and meditate upon this precious psalm—and to stay there all morning. Out of its encouragement my spirit began to lift. After confession of sin and need I rose to keep on obeying.

The ministry in Jaffrey ended a few weeks back on a very good note. Though I felt very tired most of the week, You, Lord, you gave me the strength to share your Word. May it bear much fruit in the lives of these young people.

North Windham, Maine

I returned to Maine on the 2nd with a strained voice, tired being, but gratefulness in my heart. I have spoken about 25 times in the past month and it has started to take its toll. This week brought some rest, but I still need some heart-stirring renewal. Yes, Lord, especially me.

+ I walk by faith and obedience to my king. May He not be disappointed in me. May I rise to tell the world of His love and power. May I fall to lie in humble prostration at the foot of His throne.

South Bend, Indiana

June 11, 1979

God gave Shirley and I a very fruitful time in Michigan at Dave and Ellen's Saavedra's wedding and amongst other friends. Our DC-10 flight was detoured to Chicago due to a generator failure—was kind of exciting and thought-provoking to be landing at O'Hare airport and be greeted by red lights and ambulances (we held hands and prayed as we attempted to land). We were then bussed to South Bend.

All weekend long we have enjoyed rich fellowship with Dave and Ellen, the Rieth family, Frank Carlson, Jim Waller, Don Watkins, Bob Mathers and Steve Heyer. Even went on a delightful swim in Lake Michigan.

Saturday's wedding service was blessed by God and everything went smoothly. It was a great joy and privilege to unite them in Christ in marriage. Then after some personal times with others, we flew back to Maine, where to do some last-minute changes, I had to speak Sunday

night. It was somewhat rushed and chaotic, but God was gracious to me. As I had prayed about the last-second changes in the service, God had encouraged me by saying, “I want you to speak because I can trust you to trust Me.”

*Thank you, Father, for this timely and encouraging approval. Today in my devotional time, I knew Your presence. Thank you. I want to be renewed in Christ and “discern what is best” in the decisions to be made shortly. I love You and want to live for You.

North Windham, Maine

June 12, 1979

I asked the Lord for guidance this morning regarding YWAM outreach in Omaha, Nebraska. Phil. 2:10 came to mind “that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow” and then 1 Cor. 2:10, “But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.” At this point I believe the Lord is indicating that we should go.

From a noon prayer time, I also sensed God’s approval of the Renewal Team being a part of the April 1980 Washington, D.C. gathering (Washington for Jesus). Isaiah 1 and 12 were given and these chapters will be interesting to look at. I do not want to move in pride in wanting to be a part of this gathering. Lord--may Your guidance be clear. Thank you for encouraging me with Your voice today.

June 18, 1972

Our nine-week crusade in Gray-North Windham is coming to an end. We’ve given revival action seminars on “America’s Christian heritage” (Rus Walton came to speak one night and was great!), “Evangelism,” and now “Confronting America’s Moral Crises.” All have seemingly been well received. It is my hope and prayer that they will realize real fruit.

We’ve now been going out three days a week doing door-to-door evangelism. A basic openness has been seen and at this point we’ve had one hopeful conversion, and a few come to the church. A lot of church people are being changed through this opportunity.

Lord, I personally sense a real need for a fresh anointing and wisdom on my preaching. I know that I need to spend more time praying over my messages. I look to You to equip me to be an effective spokesman for You.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

June 25, 1972

We have begun a series of meetings in the Bethel Assembly of God in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It is a large, lively congregation and we took three services on Sunday that God blessed. Sunday evening in Gray we also held one of our final crusade service and Steve Herzig spoke on “Preparing for Tribulation.”

Last evening in Portsmouth was very difficult for me personally. The service began somewhat disjointed and when I rose to speak, I felt as non-anointed as I’ve ever been in my entire life. The message was on giving your heart to God, and my hope is that God used what was true—despite me.

Today I need real renewing in my own heart, strength and life. I am very tired and needy. I come to You, my Savior, that I might find forgiveness, rest, and revival! Begin it in me!

*What an encouraging time I’ve had with the Lord this morning. I praise my Savior for lifting me up.

- Out of our daily devotional, “Come Away My Beloved,” God spoke these words: “I have not failed you and you have not failed Me. It is only that you have failed yourself... This is not the end. Press on. The goal line is out ahead, and you may yet be a winner in the race of life.”
- In my daily Bible readings in Jonah I was exhorted not to pity myself for last evening as Jonah did—to not have self-pity but God-pity for the people of Portsmouth. I confessed this as sin and received forgiveness.
- And then in 2 Tim. 2 these words also brought great encouragement: Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

+ Today I choose to hope in God!

North Windham, Maine

July 1, 1979

The week’s ministry in New Hampshire was very grueling and fruitful. I believe I have never been so tired in ministry as I felt this week. The whole strain of the Maine Crusade has finally taken its toll. One evening during the week I felt as unanointed as I’ve ever been in the pulpit—but the next day God brought me out of it! I praise His Name for His steadfast love for me.

Today we officially end this crusade. Now the summer is upon us. What have we accomplished here? What have we learned about revival? I am asking many of these questions now and really want to grow.

This morning I meditated on God's FAITHFULNESS. He is full of faith toward me! What a wonderful thought. As I face the coming weeks and months, my eyes are ever on God.

My Numbered Days – July 1979 (Psalm 90:12)

My Calling: Revival through teaching and evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76).

Three Priorities: Be a man of prayer and the Word. Preach and teach the Gospel. Serve in leading the Renewal Team.

LIFE OBJECTIVE: Be a humble servant of God, for His glory, through saving souls in revival.

STRATEGIES: Pray, Meditate, Teach, Preach, and Write through the ministry of the Renewal Team.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS: July 8-29 – Omaha, Nebraska Summer of Service

July 10-12 – LEI Conference?

July 30-August 19 – Rest in the Pacific Northwest.

August 20-22 – Arrangements for Washington for Jesus – Virginia.

July 6, 1979

We're on our way by Greyhound bus to Omaha! July 2-5 was a relaxing time with the team and friends following the finish of services on the 1st. God gave us some rest. I planned some of the coming weeks and months and got caught up on correspondence and other business. On the 4th of July, Shirley and I read the Declaration of Independence together in the evening and praised and thanked God for His hand in it.

Omaha, Nebraska

July 8, 1979

This morning in Omaha, Nebraska I took some time to allow God to really cleanse my heart. Deposits of sin, neglect and “missing His mark” were clear in my mind. As I thought over this and confessed them, God graciously forgave me.

In my devotions I’ve just finished reading the book of Hosea. What a prophetic warning it is to a sinful nation. Through my reading of it, this phrase stood out more than most:

“a spirit of prostitution is in the land.”

*This is so true of the United States today, an idolatrous and adulterous nation...God have mercy on us.

+ I was led this morning to really begin thinking about the need for the quality of compassion in my life. During the Omaha Outreach. I really desire to be taught by God what it means to “suffer with” Him over people’s sin, and also “suffer with” mankind itself.

*Though still felling weak and insecure, I have cleansed my heart this morning and now rise-up to obey and follow the Savior. Teach me what it means to be compassionate, Lord, and use my little life for your glory and honor.

July 16, 1979

God has given us the grace to begin doing His work here in Omaha. A few days ago, we organized into our various areas of the city and since then have been praying, training, and going out.

The first few days we visited the parks. Today we began going door-to-door and hope to cover every single house here in the northeast region of the city. Results have been slow so far.

I do thank the Lord for continually strengthening me to speak out and to lead. **Sunday, I spoke twice in a charismatic Lutheran Church (I hadn’t preached to a Lutheran congregation for about six years).** Daily I am asking God for His “sustaining favor” to lead this people well.

My eyes are on You, O Lord.

*At the commissioning service for the area leaders, Jim Rogers prayed over me that God would use me to prophesy to the city as John the Baptist. As God has spoken to me before through Luke 1:75-80, I sensed this was a clear confirmation of God’s calling on my life. Thank you, Father, for this word. May I live up to its spirit and breath.

July 29, 1979

The busy, fruitful Omaha Summer of Service has now been completed. Tonight, Shirley and I are taking a Greyhound bus to Portland and two weeks of rest with family and friends.

This crusade has been very fruitful. About 250 YWAMers came from many places and God's theme for the three weeks was "Minister Jesus at the Crossroads of Need." God has given us many opportunities to do just that.

Our team of around 40 saw God do many things in our area—and all of it could be linked to exciting, believing prayer. Much door-to-door work brought some hopeful conversions and many good encounters. Always while on the streets, we had a prayer team behind who were praying. All success came in answer to prayer.

One of the last evenings we ministered at a large trailer park and had a puppet show, skits and music. Another morning we did an evangelism seminar in a Wesleyan Church and then went out with the young people door-to-door. Uniting with the Body of Christ was an important characteristic of the work.

During most of the time, I personally was being dealt with by God and yet always strengthened by his grace. I was weak yet God made me strong and helped me to lead with His Spirit. During the outreach, my Heavenly Father spoke to me about:

- Further depths of humility in word and deed that I need in my life.
- The absolute necessity of an intimate, fervent prayer life and continued waiting on "His voice."
- Rising above fatigue and stress and disciplining myself for His purposes.

Our stay in the Emory home was also a very pleasant one. This was a gift from God.

*And now we go on to the Northwest to rest. I am still looking to God for personal reviving and then vision to move on with the work and ministry of the Renewal Team.

+Through Nate Krupp God spoke to me this month about a way of looking at establishing our home base. Basically, the word was that I personally should not get involved in the administration of a work like this. God has called me to preach, and I must stick to that calling. He also felt that we should be a part of another YWAM base. Now to pray over this.

+And God has confirmed that the Renewal Team is to be a part of next year's Washington for Jesus rally. Expectantly, I look forward to this assignment and its possibilities. Amen.

Hillsboro, Oregon

August 4, 1979

We've been spending some pleasant days in Hillsboro, OR with my parents. God has given us time to rest, go bike-riding, and spend quality time with my dad and mom.

I have been encouraged by my Savior by Isaiah 30:15: "In repentance and rest is your salvation. In quietness and trust is your strength."

I've also been led to Proverbs 3-5 the past few days. Summarily, the important themes from these chapters can be said to be: trust---seek wisdom---be morally pure. I see my need for all three of these things in my life right now.

Port Orchard, Washington

August 6, 1979

Our latest place of visit is now Washington State—we arrived yesterday and look forward to about 12 days at "home." During this time, I believe God wants me to:

- Be relaxed and get refreshed.
- Have some good times of reading.
- Pray, meditate and do some planning.
- Encourage and exhort friends.

The Lord's Presence was refreshing today, and I am looking forward to personal revival during these important days.

August 18, 1979

We are high in the skies on our way back to the east coast and I'm able to get back to a neglected journal. Time to write of the mercies of God has not been easy to find. I'm sure glad his mercies never fail.

All in all, I believe that our "unexpected vacation" in the Northwest was very good. I was able to get some reading done. There were wonderful times of fellowship with family and friends. I spoke to various groups. Nothing earth-shattering came out of the time...just a continual renewal of my love for God and commitment to his work.

I enjoyed reading some books including Nate Krupp's *You Can Be a Soul Winner: Here's How*. It really spoke to my heart about having an everyday, everywhere, everybody-approach toward reaching the lost. I deeply want to grow in this. I'm also almost finished my *John Wesley's Forty-four Sermons* and they have been stimulating.

In a few hours we reach the east coast for a planning and organizing session for "Washington For Jesus." A second-verse to a familiar chorus that I've learned recently most appropriately sums up my feelings for the coming days:

"Keep your eyes upon Jesus. Let nobody else take his place. So that hour by hour you will know his power. 'Til at last you have won the great race."

Virginia and Washington, D.C.

August 21, 1979

God has truly blessed out gathering together in Virginia and Washington, D.C. Nick Savoca, Ramona Jensen and Shirley and I met in Tidewater a couple of days ago. Friends warmly housed us in Virginia Beach, and we had a thrilling time hearing about the vision for Washington For Jesus from Ted Pantaleo, Pastor John Gimenez and others at Rick Church. Excitement is building inside for this pivotal gathering next year in the nation's capital. Today we are in Washington and God is giving favor and blessing.

August 25, 1979

It was tremendous! During our two days in Washington, we stayed with the Ray MacAnnany family who housed us, fed us, provided a vehicle and guides for our contacts in the area. This was a significant contact. One afternoon the three of us were able to be on WCTN radio for 90 minutes sharing in detail about Washington For Jesus. The next day Shirley and I met with a few pastors and were warmly received. Everywhere we went God gave us in abundance his promise of FAVOR. On Wed. we wearily and gratefully flew back to Maine.

A few things are going through my heart and mind at this point in my life...God has been humbling me in the inner personal life and showing my daily need for humility and his fruits. I'm getting a glimpse of how proud an individual I've been and what it takes to break this. My quest for stature and recognition in ministry has been a recent point of revelation. I must deeply deal with this "quest for power" and keep my motives and heart in the right place.

In this area, God has reinforced to me that I am responsible to obey, and he is totally responsible for the breadth in ministry. "Obey the Lord in all that I tell you" (Jer. 38:20). *The

prayer of my heart at this moment is that I be renewed in my first love and zeal for God—but with greater love, power and scope—and be expanded to be a fruit-bearer for Jesus.

North Windham, Maine

August 31, 1979

Our six months remaining in Maine will be spent in final ministry in churches in the area, many team projects, printings, and preparations, and team study and ministry evaluation. I really desire to do all these things fervently and diligently for the ultimate fruitfulness of the ministry.

The School of Prayer (WLC) that we're studying right now has been very challenging and enlightening. We are really being challenged to be people of prayer. Last night I made this the cry of my heart to God...and I intend not to fail. What a realm and what a need!

The idea has been impressed upon me that as revivals in former days have been given their names in history—the revival that is coming in our time may one day be called THE GREAT WORLD REVIVAL. I want to be faithful to do my part in praying this into existence. Come, Lord Jesus!



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A personal letter from Ron
to family and friends.

September 3, 1979

O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years.

Hab. 3:2

Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Savior !

As the summer of 1979 draws to a close, it is once again a joy to sit down and share the blessings of God with you via this letter. I hope your summer season has been a good and fruitful one. There is so much in our day and time that needs to be done for Christ. No higher call exists in all of life than to be an ambassador for the King whose throne "endures forever."

Shirley and I have now returned to Maine following a busy two months of ministry and then rest. Our August plane ticket said "Portland to Portland" - and that's Oregon to Maine ! There were a number of stops in between, and that going both ways.

July 5th we traveled by Greyhound bus with six other team members to Omaha, Nebraska for a three-week YWAM national outreach held in that city. (The other five team members stayed in Maine to continue working with the churches there in teaching, prayer, and evangelism.) We arrived in Omaha along with about 250 other YWAMers on the morning of the 7th, and soon thereafter moved quickly into training and evangelism. Though we were still somewhat tired after our nine-week crusade in the east, God was faithful to strengthen us with fresh motivation and zeal. We had come there to touch a city for Jesus.

This Summer of Service in Omaha was to prove to be a unique and exciting crusade ! About forty churches participated in the outreach and the city was divided into seven regions for teams of young people to minister in. All the YWAM participants lived in the homes of local believers, and this was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, and even "luxury." Shirley and I were involved in the leadership of the northwest part of the city. (Shirley seemed to think that being in the "northwest" had to be significant !)

Daily we sought God in prayer. Then we went out into the streets, parks, door-to-door and in other creative ways with the message that God can save sinners. Christian drama was used in malls and open-air. In the evenings there were training times for local Christians, and also prayer/share meetings and evangelism.

The results were amazing. I have personally never seen so many hopeful conversions in an evangelistic crusade in America. I had also never seen such unity among churches crossing charismatic/non-charismatic, Catholic/Protestant, and other barriers. Love and commitment seemed to be the base. Prayer and evangelism were the results. It was eye-opening to see and a privilege to be a part of. Was this just a "beat" of the throb of God's heart for unity in His church for the purpose of world evangelization ?

The Omaha Outreach ended July 29th with a united prayer, praise and share service. We then boarded a bus and moved on. Much remained behind to live on.

Early August found us in Oregon and Washington for needed rest, and also fellowship. Times with parents and friends were a tremendous blessing ! We were able to see many of you face-to-face. Roots are special, and we appreciate this more as the years go by. Of primary importance, however, is the path of our feet in obedience to God, and the destiny of the holy in their true heavenly home.

We then flew back through Norfolk, Virginia, and then Washington D.C. before arriving back in "Portland." (Maine) The stop-overs were made to make preparations for our next field of ministry. In October of this year the Lord seems to be directing us to the nation's capitol for involvement in a very important national Christian thrust. The name of this coming event is Washington For Jesus.

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Washington For Jesus is projected to be a gathering of possibly one million Christians in Washington D.C. on April 28, and 29, 1980. Its purpose is to call America back to God through a peaceful, positive two days of prayer and worship in the nation's capital. Many well-known and unknown men, women, organizations and churches will be involved from all fifty states. Youth With A Mission has been invited by the National Steering Committee to spearhead a city-wide evangelism campaign prior to the 2-day gathering to "prepare" the city and mobilize local believers. The Renewal Team will be a part of this thrust, bringing our message of revival to the area, as well as serving as the advance team for the crusade. How our "hearts burned within us" as we met with leaders in Virginia Beach, and then began preliminary preparations in the Washington D.C. area.

For now we are back in Maine to finish our work here, make some preparations for the coming months, and also "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

One of the things that I have learned in Youth With A Mission which is vital to our success as Christian soldiers is the importance of having spiritual vision. This is not having physical sight or perception. Rather it is the ability to see clearly God's call on one's life in light of the glory of His purposes on the earth. Having spiritual vision is seeing clearly a world that is lost without God, and then whole-heartedly giving one's self to God's directives for changing it.

Because a person of vision sees eternal realities and needs, he tends to think and act big. He sees that God is a Big and Magnificent Being, worthy of praise and honor. He views the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary as the awesome apex of history, sufficient and dazzling to warrant the attention of all men. He also perceives the reality of hell - the world of the damned - the utter lostness and despair of the soul outside of God's grace. The very sight of these things compels the person of vision to ask God to take his little insignificant life and use him to pray big, think big, and act big for His Savior.

A few years ago I did a study on people of the Bible. As I looked at the lives of these great men and women, from Noah in the Old Testament to the Apostle Paul in the New, I noticed one characteristic about them: All of them from a relatively early age had vision for God that became the passion and drama of their lives. They were used by God because they were willing to be people of vision.

Noah had a vision of righteousness and salvation, which came through the Ark. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all had the call of God to begat a great nation and people. At age 17, Joseph had vision from God that he would one day rule over his brothers. Moses "saw" his call to be the deliverer of the Hebrew nation from Egypt. (It took him forty years to acquire the necessary character, but acquire it he did !) David was called at an early age to be a king. Jeremiah was the same, only his call was to be a prophet to the nations. Jesus Himself knew he was to "be about His Father's business" when only a boy of 12. Peter had a "vision" and a calling to the Jews. Paul had a literal vision on the road to Damascus, and a call to be the apostle to the Gentiles on the day of his conversion !

All these men of old, including the Savior, had vision from God as to His purposes in their generation, and a commitment to His calling that eventually wrote history. They came. They saw. They conquered for Christ !

Do you and I have vision from and for God ? Are we committed to thinking, praying, and laboring for a Big God who desires to see over 4 billion people reached with the gospel in our time ?

Start where you are. "The people who know their God will display strength and take action." (Dan.11:32) Be committed to Christ with unreserved consecration. Spend time in prayer. Speak to all whom you can about the broken-hearted God who loves them. Get a vision from God that will consume you, and then burn out, not rust out for the King.

God bless you in His vision today. Let's link our hearts together in prayer. I appreciate your love and friendship, and am endeavoring to

Keep my eyes upon Jesus,



September 9, 1979

Many blessings abound. I have been away from my journal for a while, yet God has been near. To list a few of the happenings of the past few weeks:

1. God helped us to have a very effective open-air and drama service for campers here at Sebago Basin over Labor Day. Despite our lack of preparation and prayer, the crowd and anointing were exciting.
2. Steve and I continue to take some services and I've also had some "lovely" times with **Pastor Adra [Lovley]**. It would be wonderful to work with him in the future. God knows.
3. Team "advance" is good. We are remodeling the office trailer for greater efficiency and the Pontiac is being altered to pull our trailer. Team meetings and prayer have been excellent. I have made some headway in areas of writing that have been neglected.

With the future looking me in the eye, I am sensing my real need to hear from God and spend much time in prayer over many decisions. In all honesty, right now the Savior's voice is not very clear, but I am pressing through and keep my heart pure and conscience clean. I want to know God and make him known. "The people who know their God will display strength and take action" (Deuteronomy 11:32. Onward for the King.

September 15, 1979

The last week has been a busy one. We decided to remodel the office trailer to make it more functional and efficient and this has been a big project. Personally, **I have been working hard on some aspects of writing—primarily on some sheets on "Christian Character"** and some helps on Bible-reading and prayer. God has wonderfully helped me.

The pressures of the week have brought some attitude problems and, I believe, some attacks from the enemy that have gotten strong of late. This morning I asked all the team members to really cleanse their hearts, and while I was following through with this myself, God led me to this Scripture:

"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3).

I believe God also spoke to me through the following Scripture about our up-and-coming team evaluation and the Washington For Jesus Rally (on Friday we got to hear Pastor John Gimenez share the vision in Portland, ME at the Full Gospel Businessmen's Convention).

"Get ready; be prepared, and you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take commend of them. After many days you will be called to arms" (Ezekiel 38:7).

My Numbered Days – October 1979 (Ps. 90:12)

My Calling

Promoting spiritual revival through preaching, writing and laboring (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76).

3 Priorities

Be a man of prayer and the Word. Preach the gospel. Serve in leading the Renewal Team.

LIFE OBJECTIVE:

Glorify God as a servant by laboring for spiritual awakening.

STRATEGIES:

Pray, Mediate, Preach, Write, and Lead Renewal Team.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS:

1. Oct. 25 – Nov. 17 - Washington for Jesus preparations.
2. Nov. 19 – Dec. 1 - Teaching in the Northwest
3. Dec. 1-9 - Puerto Rico Outreach
4. Dec. 10 – Jan. 12 – Rest and refreshment at home.
5. January 13-17 - Renewal Seminars
6. Jan. to April - Washington for Jesus.

September 18, 2019

The team is at the AOG Bible Camp on Long Lake near Naples, Maine. We've been here for a three-day "team evaluation" in which we're fasting, sharing, praying and worshipping. We came here to really seek God concerning our ministry and so far, his presence has been special.

Last evening for about five hours we shared together, confessed our sins to God and each other, and then experienced his love and forgiveness. This cleansing has been so important and so needed. We want to gain power and strength from purifying our hearts and God has been with us.

A theme/prayer God has put in my heart during this time has been to be filled with the Spirit. I am gaining some insights on this and want to live in its reality. There will be much to share after these three days...God is graciously meeting with us.

A precious time in the Presence of God! Our three days of fasting and seeking God's wisdom have already been so rewarding. We've been looking at and praying over:

- Our stewardship – revival.
- Our message.
- Our methods and fruit.
- Our future.



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RENEWAL TEAM COVENANT

Made at Long Lake Bible Camp, September 19, 1979 during a three-day fast and ministry evaluation time.

God spoke to us a number of things during this time that we feel directed of the Lord to commit ourselves to, (NEH.9:1-38,10:1-39). These are not vows-- but commitments that we will endeavor to keep before God and each other.

1. We are committed to be people of prayer and fasting.
2. We will seek the mind of the Spirit in all that we do in the ministry.
3. We desire to walk in the fear of the Lord and be pleasing unto Him.
4. We promise to love ourselves as we ought.
5. We commit ourselves to love and encourage each other.
6. We die to our rights in areas of lifestyle, standard of living, etc.
7. We commit ourselves to walking daily in humility.
8. We freshly recommit ourselves to the task of revival.
9. We promise to be loyal and submissive to God-given authority.
10. We commit ourselves to carry a greater burden for the lost and for evangelism.
11. We promise to be more open and transparent with each other and share one another's burdens.
12. We commit ourselves to be good stewards of the things God has entrusted to us.

We believe in the importance of these commitments and thank God for revealing them to us during this time.

Signed:

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Much revelation has poured forth in all the areas. There seems to be a fresh spirit of praise and expectancy and commitment upon us that has been so needed—and it is pleasant to behold.

Last evening, we talked about the future and especially our up-and-coming involvement in Washington For Jesus. God led us to individually commit ourselves verbally to this ministry and we received much revelation out of Isaiah 1-3 and 12. We finished the evening with prayer and a rousing expression of praise.

This morning we will be involved in intercession. At lunch we will “break-fast” with a light meal then have a “feast” together in the evening. At the feast we’re going to sign a “covenant” regarding the things God has revealed to us during this time.

+ Great are the works of the Lord! Intimate is his presence and wonderful are his dealings! We are so grateful to for him and these hours he has given us.

September 20, 1979

We finished out 3-day retreat with a wonderful meal and then, around the table, we shared a moving time of communion followed by streams of heart-felt praise. The climax came as we read our “covenant” together and signed our names to it. After cleaning up, we departed the camp. God had met us there.

September 22, 1979

I had a hard day yesterday. Due to some circumstances and frustrations, I allowed myself to get a little ‘down’ and today Jesus lifted me up. God is such a wonderful Encourager!

These are his words to me this morning: “Do not be afraid. Peace! Be strong now, be strong” (Daniel 10:19).

*Some areas in my personal life that God spoke to me about up at Long Lake I want to mention here. As I considered the price of revival, I was “nudged” by the Spirit to yield up the following items:

1. My right to sleep and not pray in the night.
2. My right to food at certain times.
3. Following through in prevailing prayer.
4. Continuing in humility.
5. Being constantly burdened to evangelize.

I commit myself to God. I want to please my Master in all areas of my life.

September 27, 1979

It has been a very busy week. There is much to be done as we finish up our work in Maine and prepare to move to Washington, D.C.

These precious words from the prophet Haggai spoke to me this morning: “Give careful thought to your ways...But now be strong and work, for I am with you” (Haggai 1:7, 2:4). I am very tired but greatly encouraged to muster my strength and continue the “work.”

*Lord Jesus – may our work honor and glorify you and not be in vain. I love you.

October 8, 1979

I preached at the North Windham AOG church yesterday on a new subject--“The Church in the 1980’s.” God wonderfully attended the service in prophecy, drama, song, and a deep and wonderful sense of his Presence. It was a sweet and inspiring time.

It is our last week in Maine. A few days ago, we sent out our most recent newsletter and I believe it will be a blessing. The morning we sent it, God provided the money through the post for mailing it. Praise him.

As I went to prayer today, God spoke to me out of Jeremiah: “Do everything that the Lord tells you to do.”

I will begin to seek him this week about our next venture—Washington, D.C.—and with his fear as my beginning point, I know he will answer me.

October 19, 1979

Our final weeks in Maine were very precious—a fitting climax to our stay there. The last two Sundays I preached at the Windham Assembly and the team ministered very effectively in drama. I preached on “Shaking and Awakening,” and “The Church in the 1980’s.” Both words were well received. We also had some very good final times of fellowship with many friends in the area, and these were very rewarding.

On the final weekend, the churches came together for a farewell dinner for us that was held at Gray Assembly. It was a delicious pot-luck and afterwards we went upstairs for a very powerful and tender service together.

A special blessing were two gifts that the congregations gave us as a token of their love and appreciation for our ministry. One was a very specially painted picture of the Statue of Liberty holding a cross in its hand—it is striking. The other, given to the team, is a beautiful

pewter sculpture of George Washington in prayer [at Valley Forge]. What meaningful gifts. The service ended with a wonderful spirit of love and praise.

After our special service, there was a concert at the church by a group from Christ for the Nations who minister to the deaf. While looking at one of the deaf young men in the group, God really spoke to me about always using my ears to listen carefully to him. It was a powerful revelation. I made a promise to God to heed these words.

+ On Monday we packed up, prayed, and pulled out of the Sebago Basin Campground and out of North Windham. Tears freely flowed as we parted with Pastor Lovley and a few other friends. God has truly blessed out time here.

Concord, New Hampshire

God then allowed us to spend a precious day-and-a-half in Concord with our YWAM family there. The evening we arrived, I traveled with Steve Martin and Nick Savoca to Boston to Gordon Conwell Seminary to attend a meeting of “Northeast Elders”—a group of spiritual leaders in New England. It was very prophetic—very good.

The next day I spoke at the DTS in the morning, and in the evening, the entire team ministered at the base and I again gave the message “The Church in the 1980’s.” At the close of the service, the base anointed us with oil and commissioned us for the work in Washington, D.C. The whole service was blessed in the Spirit and contained much prophecy and encouragement. Personally, I had some good times of fellowship with Nick that was stimulating.

*Then we said our goodbyes and drove down the road toward our next destination and challenge—Washington for Jesus in our nation’s capital. We arrived about midnight, October 18.

Bladensburg, Maryland (D.C. area)

[I didn’t note it in my journal, but we set up camp at the Bladensburg Marina owned and operated by our friend Ray MacAnanny. It would serve—including a forty-foot houseboat office—as the first headquarters of YWAM Washington, D.C. The marina is located on the Potomac River just six miles from downtown Washington. See my November 12 newsletter for more details.]

Now the greatest opportunity and challenge of our ministry lies before us. I rose today to make my heart “steadfast in God” and dependent on his eternal life. I am yours. Guide us now and strengthen my hands.

October 21, 1979

I am being so blessed by my daily readings—this time from the book of Acts. There is so much to learn and apply from the Early Church. I truly want to be “a man after God’s own heart; he will do everything I want him to do” (Acts 13:36) while “serving God’s purpose in this generation” (Acts 13:36).

October 26, 1979

Today is a morning of new beginnings. I have been impressed of my need for a fresh and sharp quickening of the Holy Spirit—and have encouraged everyone on the team to have a special time with God this morning. I have asked God to revive me—and I have cleansed my heart from sin.

These Scriptures have been given to me: “Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not serve to the right or the left...” (Proverbs 4:25-27).

“The righteous will hold to their ways and those with clean hands will grow stronger” (Job 17:9).

A freshness in prayer, holiness, vitality and wisdom is needed if our involvements with the Washington for Jesus rally are to be fruitful. It is time to march on...

November 6, 1979

Exciting weeks these have been. We are doing all that we know how to do to be a catalyst for awakening among God’s people in the Washington, D.C. area. His FAVOR continues upon us.

Last week Pastor John Gimenez and National Coordinator Ted Panteleo were in town. Their stay began with a minister’s meeting in the downtown area that was relatively small, but very productive. The next few days I had the privilege of traveling around town with them meeting a few members of Congress (Rep. Bob Dornan of CA, Rep. Walter Fauntroy, DC, and Senator Roger Jepsen of Iowa)—and some church leaders. These meetings were very insightful and visionary. Contact by contact God continued to unravel his plans for the Washington for Jesus Rally.

As we walked the halls of Congress and met “important” people, I was deeply reminded to be “impressed” with no men. The important Person alone to know is Jesus Christ!

These were fruitful days of watching, listening, and growing in wisdom. They were also days of building excitement for the great rally of next year.

*Last evening the team had its first exposure to television by being on a late-night local station with Pastor Dick Kline of Halpine Church. It was a good experience.

Personally, I need abundant grace to accomplish God's will in the coming ten days.

November 8, 1979

Good contacts in the city of Washington, D.C. have continued as we prepare the ground for WFJ.

Today God wonderfully moved on the man in the Park Department who has jurisdiction over the marina where we are staying. Five days ago, he said he had to move. Today he said we could stay. This is all God's doing and "it is marvelous in our eyes." We praised and thanked him for his provision.

*God has encouraged me to stand firm and not be burdened down with the load of pressure and work. I take heart in his inspiration and comfort in his love.

Tidewater, Virginia

November 12, 1979

We have had a blessed weekend of fellowship in the Tidewater area. We came down to fellowship with friends and tie in more closely with the people at Rock Church [which is in Virginia Beach].

It has been good to be back in the area we recently ministered in...and it has been encouraging to see the "fruit that has remained." On Saturday we met with the WFJ Committee and last night we did the "Great American Machine" drama at Rock Church on their telecast. I enjoyed the worship and liberty of the service very much. They really know how to sing!

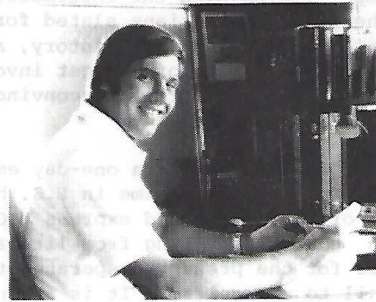
Though I have sensed the touchy persuasions of the enemy all weekend, this morning I rejoice in my victory over him in Christ. Onward to Zion with the high praises of God in our mouths!



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Greetings in Christ from our nation's capitol!

Today is a cool, sunny day in Washington, D.C. I'm sitting in our team office trailer at my desk overlooking a small boat marina located on a river just six miles from downtown Washington. God has been faithful to help us shift our sight of ministry from the north - state of Maine - to a lovely sight on the Potomac. It's official name is Bladensburg, Maryland. Here we are beginning our involvement in the Washington For Jesus Rally which will be held in April of next year. It is a great joy and privilege to be here.

It was not easy leaving North Windham, Maine. Our six months of ministry there allowed us to forge some deep friendships with people. The final two weeks openly showed this as we dined in family's homes, and took our final services in the area. Each night seemed to be filled with precious interaction with folks we had grown to love. A Saturday night farewell dinner had been held at the Trinity Assembly of God and it was a blessed occasion. A special cake had been made for the gathering, the icing of which read, "Create in me a clean heart." (This had been a theme during our stay.) After the meal, a service took place upstairs in which we prayed, worshipped God and the local Christians gave us a much treasured gift: a beautiful peuter statue of George Washington on his knees at Valley Forge - our ministry symbol. Two days later, after we had hitched up our trailers and loaded our vehicles, tears flowed freely as we stood and prayed with a few friends. We then climbed into the cars, got the "caravan" into line, and headed down the road to our next destination. . .

A few days before I had wondered if we would make it out as we watched two gentle snow falls come upon the area! Fortunately they came and went, and because of that, so could we!

We made two stops in our 600-mile trip south. Two inspiring days were spent in fellowship at our YWAM school in Concord, New Hampshire, and then an "overnight crash" at the Jack Pinajian home in Morristown, New Jersey. A great blessing to our car-trailer caravan was the addition of CB radios in all the vehicles. They "rescued" us from errors a number of times. We arrived in the Washington D.C. area about midnight on October 18th, parked the trailers, and graciously were housed temporarily in the homes of some local believers. For a weekend we rested, and then began to get on our feet.

Ray MacAnanny, a local Christian businessman, had been our primary contact in the D.C. area. As we began to look around in locating our base of operations, Ray and his family not only housed and cared for us as a team, but ultimately offered that we set up our base of operations at a small marina that he leased from the Park Department in Bladensburg, Maryland. The location was good - just six miles from downtown Washington and six miles from the Capitol Beltway that served the metropolitan area. Though it was near a poorer part of the city, it was pretty and clean - kind of set off by itself - and very safe for our equipment, being surrounded by high fences and a padlocked gate.

And now . . . well . . . here we are! After a number of days of logistical set-up, there are eight of us now living at the marina with the other five staying with families. Our "meeting hall" is a very nice 40-foot houseboat that is docked on the pier. It even contains a "prayer room" and "strategy room" for mapping the city. Day by day we are getting onto our feet and pursuing our part in the vision of the Washington Rally.

Logo above, *General George Washington in Prayer at Valley Forge* by James Edward Kelly, a bronze bas-relief, 1904, and used courtesy of Library of Congress, symbolizes the Renewal Team's commitment to world evangelism through reviva.

I hope you enjoyed the information on Washington For Jesus in our last newsletter. This gathering of Christians slated for April 29, 1980, could very possibly be one of the most significant meetings in history, and also one of the largest coming together of believers of all time. The more we get involved, and the more I hear about what God is doing around the country, the more I am convinced that this rally could be absolutely the turning point of the American Destiny.

WFJ is much more than a one-day emotional extravaganza. It is the Body of Christ nationwide, for the first time in U.S. history, committing themselves to repent en masse for the sins of the nation and express a Christian concern for righteousness. It is a voice with a plan that is speaking from literally every precinct of America that the church is responsible for the present desperate state of the union. It contains a burden for prayer. It is a call to evangelism. It is a banner that God has raised up to give our own nation a final offer of His mercy before judgment is decreed and our freedoms and way of life are altered.

A few days ago I sat in the offices of two U.S. Congressmen and one U.S. Senator. (This was in the midst of three days of contacts in the city with WFJ leaders that were held with pastors, government leaders and others.) All of these men were excited as they heard about the vision of WFJ. During one of the sessions, Rep. Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia leaned across the table and remarked: "Gentlemen, our nation is in serious trouble." He went on to describe the importance of returning to a covenant relationship with God. At the end we stood - four black men, and four white men, and prayed for America.

Everywhere we've gone, similar "signs" of approval have fallen upon the WFJ concept. It seems to be the time. Many stories could be told to add to the weight of this - but space doesn't permit. It is enough to say that God has apparently avored this undertaking - and this favor, excitement, and open doors seem to be everywhere.

The Renewal Team plays a key role in the work in Washington, D.C. Our job for the next few months is to share the vision of WFJ with the black, Hispanic, and white churches of the area; stimulate the local leaders and churches to prepare the ground in prayer; and then organize a city-wide evangelistic outreach that will take place in the month of April, just prior to the Rally day. Our team will begin the work and then be joined in March by YWAM New Hampshire and the Renewal Seminars School out of Solvang, California. We are hoping that many other YWAMers and other friends will then join us.

We ask for your prayers. I personally will be on the west coast between November 17 and January 18, speaking in four different YWAM schools; also a chapel service at Seattle Pacific University November 26; and various church services. Both Shirley and I look forward to being with many of you during that time.

It is a privilege to be alive and forgiven at this moment in history. May the prayer of Moses the man of God be ours today:

"Let Thy work appear to Thy servants,
and Thy majesty to their children. And
let the favor of the Lord our God be upon
us; and do confirm for us the work of our
hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands."

(Psa.90:16,17)

Thank you again for your friendship. If you'd like more information on Washington for Jesus for prayer, sharing, or going, please let us know. Please also note our new and permanent address in the D.C. area. I am

Yours for His Kingdom,

November 17, 1979

Again, I write while seated on an airplane. It's nearing midnight (at least according to my body time) and I am on my way to Portland via Salt Lake City from Washington, D.C. I'm traveling to the west coast to speak in some YWAM schools, share the vision of Washington For Jesus and spend time with family and friends over the holidays. After touching down in Portland and visiting my parents for half of a day, I'll drive up to Vancouver, B.C. and speak at the DTS there Nov. 19-23.

I give grateful praise to God for readying me to leave Washington, D.C. The last few days were a flurry of activities as I tried to tie up loose ends of involvement there and made necessary preparations to leave. God gave me sustaining strength.

One thing we were finally able to put into print was a Bible-reading devotional. It's called *Through God's Word* and we hope it will be used to lead people through a complete and systematic reading of God's precious Word.

On Thursday night the team had a special evening meal together—combining Thanksgiving and Christmas into one joyful occasion. A bitter-sweet part of the evening was a farewell to Steve and Anita Herzig who are leaving the team. Tears freely flowed as we shared communion together and then prayed over the precious couple that have been with us for two years. The next day we went out to dinner together and then took them to the airport. I cried as I realized how much Steve had meant to me. Part of me was truly leaving. At the same time, we were completely assured of the will of God and joyfully released them into God's care. May they be giants for Christ in Great Britain. I am thankful we will spend eternity together.

Vancouver, British Columbia

November 20, 1979

My few days in ministry here at YWAM Vancouver have gone well. It has been a blessing to be with Dan and Helen Gardner at be sharing with about 15 students at the DTS,

I've been somewhat tired but have been learning through the trial. This evening as I studied my evening message, God really showed me the importance of sharing a message in a way that will not promote an alienation of affection or an arrogancy in doctrine. This came as a lovely revelation to me. I want to put it into practice tonight ministering on "The Law of the Lord."

+ Father, thank you for the sense of your life within me during these days.

November 22, 1979

Had a lovely time of fellowship last night with Dan and Helen Gardner. After going out to dinner together, Dan and I talked and prayed together.

During our prayer time, God spoke to me (I believe) that I was to go to Puerto Rico for the North American Leaders Outreach Dec. 1-9. I also feel God asked me to pay Dan's way to go also.

*I rejoice in the Lord in his leading and simply await his confirmation. And now I continue speaking for Christ here at the Vancouver DTS. Father—may this time be useful and effective.

November 25, 1979

It was a very good week of ministry at the Vancouver DTS. God encouraged me to “relax and teach” as so I endeavored to do just that. The response was encouraging.

One friend there—Hilda Dyck—gave me a tour of YWAM's work in Vancouver on Friday. They have a good ministry to people on the street in the “Peaceful Heart Christian Counseling Center” downtown and a Dilaram House [started by Floyd McClung at which Dan Gardner met YWAM]. God has really *anointed* Dan Gardner for the work in that area. This anointing is evident in the fruit.

I traveled down from Canada—had a good luncheon with Lori Varick and a friend in Edmonds, and then caught a ferry to Kingston (Poulsbo) where I attended a family Thanksgiving gathering in the evening. In all honesty, this was a depressing affair. My extended family appeared to me to be so hardened, aged, loose morally, and selfish.

The more I was with them, I realized they were not my real family. “He who does the will of my father is my mother, brother and sister” said Jesus. This sure struck me as a truth. I left that gathering with grief and want to continue to pray.

Now I'm in Port Orchard for a day. Then it's on in the service of the gospel.

*One thing the Lord Jesus has been doing in my life is really speaking to me about obeying the Scriptures regarding worship. If the Bible says we're to shout, rejoice, clap, or dance then I ought to be doing just that. The Bible is meant to be read and practiced. I believe in this area I am being slowly liberated. Anything for God's glory!

Salem, Oregon

December 1, 1979

I've just finished a very good week of teaching at the Salem OR DTS. The base there is growing by leaps and bounds—and it was a great blessing to be there.

The school had about 65 students. I truly felt the Lord's anointing on me this week while I was sharing. One evening, the Spirit of God fell on us in an unusual manner after a very probing sharing on "The Wages of Sin." There was great brokenness over sin, and then waves of revelation and praise that went on for a long time. Was wonderful to be in the pure presence of God.

Last night I spoke at a community event at the "Tabernacle"—a large building that is in Turner, OR near the YWAM base. God helped me to share the vision of Washington For Jesus and "The Church in the 1980's." Was good to have mom and dad in attendance.

I left the meeting promptly and drove to Portland to catch a plane. I met Dan Gardner there and we flew on to Atlanta—with our final destination--Puerto Rico.

Lord, I love you for your goodness to me/ I have decided to follow you and never want to turn back.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

December 5, 1979

It's good to be in Puerto Rico! This is my first time here.

It is such a blessing to be with the guys that make up the leadership of YWAM North America. We have already had some good times of prayer, fellowship, and sharing—and we've also had some excellent times in evangelism. We are going out every day and are finding the Puerto Rican people very open to the gospel. Being involved in evangelism is the best thing we could be doing together.

+ While I've been in San Juan, God has made two major impression on my heart. Both things I need to seriously pray about.

1. I've been impressed to consider praying through and trusting God for a specific numerical growth in our ministry. In all honesty, this idea has never entered my mind before. I need to think and pray about it.

2. I believe God wants Shirley and I to consider taking an around-the-world trip next year.

This would combine our involvements in Operation Friendship (Russia) and possible involvement in a YWAM Leaders Conference in Thailand. This might be our last opportunity to visit the world in such a way.

In the coming days I will go to prayer over these things. May the wonderful Lord lead my every step.

December 8, 1979

God seemed to quicken this Scripture to me today:

“But women will be kept safe through childbirth if they continue in faith, love, and holiness with propriety” (1 Tim. 2:15).

I believe that the Lord is speaking to me about Shirley and I having children. I have simply prayed that God will bring confirmation to Shirley.

December 9, 1979

It's about 3 pm on a Sunday and Dan Gardiner and I are airborne on our way to Washington, D.C.

The YWAM LEADERS EVANGELISM CONFERENCE ended yesterday and what a glorious week it was! It was a strategic week—a precious week—and one from which much fruit is yet to be born.

I will try to summarize the highlights and record the things that I believe God spoke to me. Praise His wonderful Name for His continual unveiling of his own character and plans for our good:

- Everyday in Puerto Rico we went out in evangelism together at the university, downtown, and at the airport. From the excellent time that we had, I am convinced that the best thing people can do to be united and grow together is to be involved in evangelism. In this area, I especially learned about sharing with love and concern.
- Each day we also had devotions together good times of prayer and excellent times of talking and sharing “visions and rumors of vision.”
- We had a thorough report on the Refugee: Mercy Ministries area from John Dawson and I have much to think about in this area. This is a whole new major corner that Youth With A Mission is turning. I want to be involved.
- It was great to stay with Bethany Fellowship in San Juan. They graciously served us all week and have a powerful book ministry on the island. We also met many Christians—especially a good group of local “Jesus People”—the Catacoombas and had good

fellowship. Our last evening, we had a Puerto Rican dinner with this group (about 100) and we ate, sang, and fellowshiped together.

+ Now very fulfilled yet very tired, we're trickling back to our work in various places. I am weary, but oh so grateful! God truly met with us in the Caribbean and now it is off to obey Him. Every day I realize more and more just how worthy of my life the Lord Jesus is.

[One thing I forgot to mention about the Puerto Rico Conference was a renewed emphasis on evangelism on university campuses and at airports. In a tremendous session of vision and strategy, God impressed us with a revived burden to increase our evangelistic role in these areas. I have personally committed myself and our ministry to this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Washington, D.C.

December 14, 1979

Dan Gardener and I had a nice trip back to Washington, D.C. After catching up on our sleep, I spent three busy days in pastoral appointments and work for Washington For Jesus. It was a busy, fruitful time in D.C. with the four team members that were still there.

Last night we flew to the west coast and I had a wonderful reunion with Shirley. For two-and-a-half days we are now staying in Seattle on "holiday," and it has been very sweet.

That is, except for one thing. We had a car wreck today in Shirley's folks Pontiac. I estimate about \$1000 total damage and it was my fault.

God's peace is with us... We are just now looking at a huge financial need with this on top of other things. From the Word of God. I drew encouragement, and thank God for all things. Accidents and mistakes are a part of life. We must learn from them and place our trust in our Heavenly Father. Heb. 12:7, 11 says: "Endure hardship as discipline... No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace..."

December 15, 1979

As I went to my quiet time this morning, the revelation of God began to flow:

- In the first place, I was reminded that a person can never take a holiday from their devotional time with the Lord. Being with Him daily is more essential than breathing, eating, drinking or sleeping.

- God also prompted me to consider **making revival in America a daily burden** starting January 1st. I will pray over this.

Tanglewood Island, Washington (PO area)

December 22, 1979

The Lord Jesus gave me a real good week of ministry with YWAM here in Washington. All week long I spoke at the **DTS on Tanglewood Island**. After a slow start in which I sensed a lot of warfare (and maybe just hesitancy), God began to give me liberty and authority.

Though it was the last week of the school and there were many distractions, the Spirit of God brought deep conviction of sin and much thought. Personally, I had some good seasons of prayer during the week and fasted on two days. God was teaching me some things about obedience.

***What a joy to have Youth With A Mission in my home state!!** Glory to God—may it grow, multiply and realize revival in this area of the world.

December 31, 1979

Another year has come to an end. They seem to go by so quickly, and there is so much to be done for Jesus.

Shirley and I had a nice, relaxing Christmas in Washington. Though I felt a little disjointed during the time, I've continually cleansed my heart from sin that God has revealed and moved on. Continual fresh revelation has been given to me and I am grateful to God at this time of year.

Hillsboro, Oregon

Currently we are enjoying a nice three days with my parents in Portland. Yesterday I spoke at their church [Singing Hill Community Church] and I believe God blessed the time. Starting tomorrow, we have ten more days on the west coast.

The awesome eighties are upon us. What does this year and decade have in store? Personally, and in our ministry, I am looking for:

- Growth and multiplication of our work.
- The beginning of a family.
- And many other things!

The Kingdom of God is getting closer and closer. These are days in which I want to have my spiritual eyes and ears wide open to the plans of God for my life and for world history.

“Come, Lord Jesus.”