

The Journal of Ron Boehme - 1978

Solvang, California

[At this point my journal contains a “Goals for 1978” sheet I’d never used before. I will list here the major items on it for historical reference.]

AREAS OF FAILURE AND NEED:

1. Maintaining consistent and fruitful family devotions.
2. Going to the proper depths in prayer.
3. Bring more souls into the Kingdom.

STIMULATING SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

1. Personal Yearly devotions.
2. Meditate in the book of Joshua.
3. Consistent orderly devotions with Shirley.
4. More meditation and memorization.

INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICE:

1. Pray for revival – learn to travail for America.
2. Practice Psalm 55:17 daily (three prayer times).
3. Tithe my time to prayer as a minimum (72 minutes a day).
4. Preach and teach the Gospel.
5. Take tracts everywhere I go.
6. Learn to bring conviction of sin upon people.
7. See a harvest of souls!
8. Shepherd my “flock” in service and humility.
9. Build Shirley up continually.
10. Serve in Argentina (World Cup) Outreach.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Begin our revival ministry.
2. Finish all the messages God wants me to do.
3. Pay off our debts.

My Numbered Days – January 1978

My Ministry: Teaching and Prophetic Evangelism/Revival (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts. 26:18, Luke 1:76, and Ez. 33:1-10).

LIFE OBJECTIVE Revival – The Salvation of the Lost

STRATEGIES: Lead the Renewal Team – Teach, preach, and write.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS:

1. Ministry Preparations in Solvang – January – May
 - a. Prayer, preparation, payment.
2. Teaching Ministry
 - a. Hawaii SOE – May 1-14
 - b. Solvang SOE – May 15-19
3. World Cup (Mundial) Soccer Games – June 1-16
 - a. Group leader in Rosario
4. Vacation – July 2-15

Jan. 6, 1978

“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country and from your relatives and from your father’s house to the land which I will show you...and I will bless you.’”

“Then he believed in the Lord and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.”

Jan. 16, 1978

It’s been far too long since I’ve taken the time to write in my journal. I guess I’ve been doing so many things and handling other paperwork, that I’ve neglected this area. This I shouldn’t do.

Since returning to Solvang the days have been filled with the continuing developments of the Renewal Team. We are now meeting daily (the seven of us) and God has given us clear vision for the coming year. These first five months in Solvang are being set aside for 1) prayer, 2) preparation, and 3) the payment of our debts.

So far things are going well and faith, enthusiasm, and willingness to get in and work have been high.

As the waters of heaven have revived the countryside into a luscious green here in the valley for the past several weeks, more so my soul continues to long for the fresh showers of spiritual awakening that will freshen the lives of fallen people on the earth.

Jan. 31, 1978

Busyness keep me away from my journal. It's almost a sin to be so busy. Lord – never allow me to be going so quickly that it becomes a detriment to our relationship.

So many things to recount, and I'm not sure where to begin.

Certainly, it can be said that God is blessing the team. Last week He graciously provided Steve and Anita with a spot in the trailer park (just a few doors down!) and at the same time **we purchased a 20-foot office trailer**. Praise God for His “double portions” and for the lessons involved in receiving them.

Job opportunities are coming about as we've kept to our goal of paying off our debts. Wendy is working as a secretary in Santa Barbara. Steve and Roger and I have been doing some odd jobs that will soon include house painting. Shirley has even picked a two-day-a week house-cleaning job.

On Saturday, a young man named Larry Ford and a representative of “Successful Living” are flying out here from Kentucky to share with the team how to be involved in a large book distribution project. This is another answer to prayer that we are thankful for. A few weeks ago God put into my mind the idea of selling good Christian literature. Yes, I praise the wisdom of His ways.

Other things:

1. YWAM Solvang is looking at a “castle” in town to be used possibly as our SOE and media ministry center. It costs \$400,000 and is beautiful.
2. God has been speaking to me much about prayer and I'm committing myself to be a man of prayer. The team has been having good intercession times, especially for Argentina and against the New Panama Canal Treaties.
3. We have begun to remodel the office trailer and it is going to be a useful tool.

And I rejoice in God—sore throat and all this morning—and desire to press into His service.

Feb. 9, 1978

I wait for the Lord. Recent days have been somewhat difficult. The most trying and hard to understand circumstance has been Judith Anderson's surprise decision to leave the Renewal Team. She says she has guidance to be involved in a counseling ministry and to go to Hawaii. Bad timing and sharing have made this an awkward and har-to-put-together situation. I pray that God picks up the pieces.

Personally, I have a real need for God at this point in my life. Past days have been hard and lean. “Lord, let me not be ashamed. Don't let my enemy triumph over me.”

***After one of the hardest mornings spiritually I can remember in years, God broke through.** In a prayer time around the noon hour in our trailer I confessed areas of neglect in my own life first. Following this tender time, God reminded me of all the ways He had supported me in the past 6-7 years. He then assured me that He would still be with me now. His words:

“Whatever you put your hand to do, I will cause you to prosper.” And then “You may have success wherever you go” (Josh. 1:7).

I was seeking my Lord in direct reference to our stepping out into the literature ministry, and what a tremendous confirmation these words were to me. I sought the counsel of the Lord and He has showed me clearly that we are to go ahead with the books (pencil displays). I then asked the Lord how many? I believe He replied “200.” I will now proceed in faith.

I have learned a lot today. God has a great heart that craves for our fellowship and desires to share His secrets. I want to be an obedient man that will give Him that opportunity.

February 11, 1978

A visiting missionary to our Friday evening love feast said something last night that really spoke to my inner being. In speaking about the privilege of being involved in evangelism today, he had turned to us YWAMers and said: “You, young people today don’t have time to get old. That is why God is using you so quickly and extensively in His work.”

A probing comment. It’s one I want to ponder and live out with zeal.

*God has encouraged me in the book project this morning out of Lk. 11-13. Twice should be enough for me to move out in faith.

Feb. 14, 1978

What an eye-opening blessing it was for most of our team to attend an all-day Christian Family Renewal Seminar in Pismo Beach on the 13th. Had some very good material and speakers in such areas as moral concerns, abortion, pornography, the ERA, homosexuality, Satanism, and humanism. Dr. Murray Norris, founder and president of CFR was the moderator and I had the privilege of talking with him quite extensively. I believe this is the beginning of a good long relationship due to our common burden.

One revelation that came to me last night after the final evening rally was a perspective on how God has been preparing me in all the different areas that our team is being called to proclaim to the world. Looking back, I can see how God has been **training me for a message**, and the following is the path to date:

- Get right with God – message of revival.
- Be a Christian patriot – politics -1976

- Be a good steward – economics – 1976
- Educate in the ways of God – Hall & Slater.
- Prepare for hard times – YWAM & LTS.
- Strive against evil – 1976, CFR and others.

March 2, 1978

I have sure been away from my journal for a while. These busy days do not allow much time for wielding the pen.

Was good to have my folks visiting in Solvang a few days ago. We had a very edifying and relaxing time together and I feel that our relationship is growing stronger all the time.

The coming weeks are going to be busy ones. Mar. 9-11 I'm going to be in Texas for the Argentina leadership training time, and then soon after we are launching our book ministry—the David C. Cook “pencils.”

Lord, I want to be consistent, prayerful and full of faith in You. Make me a man of God. Energize me with the electricity of the Holy Spirit and help me to lead this ministry.

East Texas

March 9, 1978

This day finds me with the 100-odd YWAM leaders in East Texas for the Argentina Leadership Training time. We took a 38-hour drive to get here and the conference began this morning. It has been stimulating.

This afternoon, all of us who are to be “Group Leaders” were asked to pray about the city we were to be in during the June outreach. In a time of waiting on God, I felt clearly impressed to be a part of the Lord’s “arm” in the city of Rosario. Lk. 2:12 came to me as a confirmation. This will be my direction in faith.

God has also seemed to indicate to me upon my request that not all our Renewal Team were to go to the Mundial Games. Some were. Others were to be “keepers of the baggage.” This seems right and wise to me...as God always is!

One of the reasons I feel God wants me personally to be in the city of Rosario has to do with the overseers that will be there. They are Ross Tooley and Paul Hawkins. God wants to teach me through them and others greater love for souls and greater faith for the miraculous. I also believe my ministry and gifts could be an asset to them.

In this, Lord Jesus, I want to thank You for being near to all who call on Your Name. Continue to reveal Your wonderful Self and ways to us as we commit ourselves to **Your vision for South America**.

March 11, 1978

These have been days of gentle and probing dealings of God in our lives. The conference has been attended by God with much revelation and many different movements of the Spirit of Christ. Confession of sin has been frequent. Inner healing regarding mother and father images has liberated many. Last evening God poured out much insight to us all regarding the tender, intimate resting and nestling relationship we are to have with Him. What freedom and simplicity came as we neared the midnight hour.

Outside this morning in a windy East Texas pasture God solidified His teaching to me during these days. **I was convicted about my fear of man in group meetings. A deep root of pride was revealed in my spiritual leadership. A negative judgment toward leadership was exposed. I came through these insights with sincere repentance and praise and set my heart again to follow Jesus—as a child, a humble child who would be who he was and ask Jesus to use me.** Matt. 18:1-3 was a comfort. Tired but deeply thankful, I will take these things home.

Solvang, California

Mar. 14, 1978

“I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God” (Deut. 26:14).

This is my fervent desire today. The conference is over, and I am home in Solvang. As I face many decisions in the coming days my heart is set to obey the above command. Now to listen, rest, trust and obey.

Mar. 18, 1978

From my meditations in the book of Joshua this morning come some gems that have application to our team ministry.

- Chapter 1:1-4 – is where Gods clearly gives Joshua his call. His “vision of ministry” is released.
- Chapter 1:5-9 – The Lord graciously encourages His new servant in that task. “I will be with you,” “be strong and courageous.”
- Chapter 1:10 – Chapter 2 – Joshua chooses an “advance team” of two people to go spy out the land. Joshua the leader is not a part of this team. They then come back and report.

Some interesting principles to apply to the Renewal Team.

Mar. 19, 1978

More principles from Joshua:

- Chapter 3:5 – Joshua began to lead the people into battle but only after they had “consecrated themselves.”
- Chapter 5:14-15 – God let Joshua know that he was to be involved in spiritual warfare through the visit from the captain of the heavenly host.
- Chapter 6 – The people marched around the city of Jericho for a week. I believe there is a great symbol of prayer portrayed in this that God wants me to see.

Mar. 22, 1978

Some more gleanings from Joshua:

- There will be tests and times of humbling in our ministry just like there was for Joshua in the battle of Ai. Especially if we “touch the glory.”
- Chapter 9:14 - We must seek God in detail about the things we are to do, and not make the mistake of not getting God’s counsel.

May my epithet in life be similar to Caleb--to bring glory to Christ: “I followed the Lord my God fully” (Joshua 14:8).

March 26, 1978

After a very tender time of worship and communion with the YWAM family on Friday night (Good Friday), I have continued to seek God this Easter weekend on this Resurrection Day.

It’s the greatest memorial time on earth! Jesus has suffered the agony of crucifixion to redeem us from sin. He has triumphed over death through the glorious resurrection of His earthly body providing hope of eternal life for all who believe.

As I try to fathom these days, I come to realize how little I know. How much more of God I want in my life! How deep is my desire to be a “servant of the Lord” as Moses and Joshua.

With God’s help and great patience, I will be all He has ordained for my life. And as I’ve been tested lately, I will begin in the place of prayer.

This is my response to You today, my precious Lord: “I will serve the Lord my God and will obey his voice” (Joshua 24:24).

*I’ve also been impressed to inscribe today that there will be seasons of fasting and prayer in my life both in times of need and purely just out of a desire to know God better. It shouldn’t be only problems that motivate me to sacrifice for God. Humbly I bow and say, “Amen.”

Mar. 27, 1978

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for gently encouraging me to endure today. You want me to know the meaning of that word. It was impressed upon my heart in 3-4 passages and I want to cloak myself with its deeper meanings. I love you for Your constant building up of my personality in the things that I need most.

Apr. 5, 1978

Since Sunday night I have been in Los Angeles with Don Estes. Don is a professional salesman—a well-known Full Gospel businessman who came all the way out here to help us in our book project. Don has a terrific testimony of having died in 1972, had a vision of heaven and hell, and then was brought back to life through many miracles from God.

Our book-selling has not yielded much fruit yet. Still, I am encouraged to be of “good courage” and rest on this promise today”

“May the Lord reward your work. and may your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel under whose wings you have come to seek refuge” (Ruth 2:12).

*Thank you for showing me, Lord, that you are using this time to teach me principles of the business world. You see how I need to have knowledge and experience in this field for future ministry, Lord. You are a Wise and Loving God!

Apr. 13, 1978

For a few days I have felt rather weak spiritually. Some of it has been due to the pressures of our preparation time here in Solvang, and the other part has been the result of the dealings of God in my own life.

This afternoon I shared a lovely time of prayer with the Lord, and from this, the breakthrough began to come.

Out of Titus 1 and 1 Peter 5, I was tremendously encouraged in my “shepherding” of the various members of the team, which has been a recent area of concern. Being intimately responsible for eleven lives is an awesome task. Especially when you’re still being disciplined yourself!

*I also prayed out in faith for the release of the large financial gifts for the needs of all those going to Argentina in June. Now I wait for God’s answer.

Apr. 17, 1978

Leland shared with the Solvang base last night at Family Night some of the insights that God is giving to him concerning the time of testing we now seem to be in. Essentially, he said

we were the “cutting edge” of deep spiritual testing and proving that must take place if we are to be leaders of righteousness in world evangelism. Many of his insights have come from reading *The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel.

In my quiet time this morning, God confirmed his words to me out of Matt. 4:1. *We, too, as the Renewal Team are in a testing time that we may be led out I ministry in power.*

Apr. 18, 1978

Proverbs 4:12 – “When you walk your steps will not be impeded; and if you run, you will not stumble.”

*This is a promise from the Lord, quickened to me regarding our book ministry. Even as the vision increases in size and scope, we “will not stumble.” I needed this word as we face this large testing time.

Apr. 21, 1978

Shirley and I had a very good time of prayer last evening, and God clearly revealed to us that she was to go with me to Hawaii May 1-14. The Scripture given was Luke 2:42 which states, “they went up.” I am happy about this and bow my knees to worship and trust our Living God.

Kona, Hawaii

May 1, 1978

For a week or so our team has been going through some heavy waters. Lessons we’ve been learning in finances have exposed attitudes of heart and mind that have caused some division and testing.

To minister to this need, I felt impressed to do some teaching on humility. This was well received by everyone and coupled with some changes we did make in our team financial structure (see our OST principles), we are now moving ahead.

After some individual conferences with everyone, I tied up a lot of loose business ends. And then *Shirley and I drove to Los Angeles and flew on to Hawaii where I am moderating Gordon Olson’s moral government series.* With very little sleep and much dependence on the Lord, *I addressed the entire base last night on the subject of Humility”* and am now looking forward to some very productive weeks.

*Lord, keep me humble and empowered to not waste your time here. Use me to change these young people into ones that know their God and understand His message of salvation.

May 11, 1978

Gracious days these have been! Ministry at the SOE has begun to bear fruit. I also had two good mornings of teaching at the Counseling School. It has been such a refreshing blessing to hear Gordon Olson again. I have been deeply ministered to as to the importance of truth in our lives and the need for a deeply humble walk with Jesus. This devotional time with Shirley has also been good as we've shared together and grown in the Lord.

May 13, 1978

"For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain" (1 Thess. 2:1).

With these words, the Lord Jesus has encouraged me that our time spent in Hawaii these two weeks will a great and fruitful harvest. This is a lovely witness in my heart as we are flying across the Pacific toward the U.S. mainland.

Two weeks in Solvang—on of teaching at the SOE and another of team organization and business—and we are off to Argentina for the "Mundial" Outreach. God is so graciously bountiful on our behalf.

+ I love you, My Father. Thank You for so thoughtfully meeting our needs during our stay in Hawaii. Now we look to YOU ALONE to lead and supply us that we may take the next vital steps in preparing for revival ministry.

Solvang, California

May 17, 1978

Since coming back to Solvang, my spring hay fever has bothered me immensely. An interesting test after a lovely time in Hawaii.

I have also been praying much about our book ministry and through personal prayer and reflection and prayer with Wes and with Steve, I have been impressed to move on and not look back. This means diligently, patiently, and faithfully moving with God to establish this ministry of the "Pencil displays" within the size and scope that God determines. The minimum number is the 200 that God originally gave us.

Many Scriptures have been given to encourage my faith. As I have not felt well and am also involved in teaching this week at the Solvang SOE, I am having to cling to God but sheer will power and put my trust in Him.

\$12,000 is needed by Saturday to bring the book ministry into maturity.

*I've never had such a time of testing in my life. Father—honor my humble desire to seek first the Kingdom of God. I'm doing all that I know to do. Meet me at the place of my desperate willingness.

May 21, 1978

Out of 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles God has been speaking to me this morning about taking my time to establish well the Renewal Team ministry. Solomon was so detailed, thorough and patient in his Temple-building mission. I want to be the same as I build up a spiritual temple for revival in the 20th century. I know that more clarity is coming on this.

- As I continue to be uncomfortable with hay fever, I am learning to rejoice in all things and not talk about how I feel. This is a good lesson I need to learn.
- In going back over my journal this morning, I was reminded that on Dec. 12th of last year God shared with me that 1978 was to be a year of “sacrifice, labor and refinement.” How true this has been! How encouraging to be reminded of the word of the Lord.
- Tonight, at our team meeting I am expecting God to bless our time of giving with the multiplication we need as we approach the month of June (Argentina outreach).

May 25, 1978

“Perseverance brings about proven character” (Romans 5:4).

*Thank you, Lord for blessing me with this Scripture today as I face the tests and decisions of these weeks. I want me character to be approved by You.

+ Was impressed that Titus 2:12 had to do with Shirley and my going to Argentina.



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REVIVE THY WORK !

June, 1978

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

Hab. 3:2

Greetings in the Wonderful Name of the Lord Jesus! God has led us this year into the new ministry of the Youth With A Mission Renewal Team. This is a traveling team of people that are dedicated to promoting spiritual revival in America and around the world. Due to our close relationship in the past, we wanted to share this developing ministry with you via a regular "Revive Thy Work" newsletter that reports the ministry of the Team. We are excited to be a part of His calling!



MEET THE TEAM:

Following is a brief description of the various people involved in the Renewal Team ministry;

- Ron & Shirley Boehme - Ages 25,26. Both born and raised in Port Orchard, Washington. Worked with YWAM in Germany (Ron in '74, Shirley in '76) and were married in October of '76. Ron is an ordained minister who has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, North America, and the Pacific, and will be involved in teaching, preaching and overall team leadership. Shirley has been used of God in a counseling ministry, domestic work and also administration.
- Roger Cresswell - Age 23. Born and raised in England. YWAM training in Lausanne, Switzerland in '76, and ministered in Europe and America following that. Areas of ministry: pastoral, research and coordination, and helps.
- Mike & Lynn Davison - Both 21. Mike is from Montana and Lynn from northern California. They met at YWAM Germany in '76, and were married in Sept. of '77. Mike will be involved in discipling, counseling and helps. Lynn has a ministry in music, domestic areas, and also administration.
- Wes & Martha Hendrickson - Ages 29,30. Wes is from Ontario, Canada, and Martha was born in Oregon and raised in San Diego, Calif. Wes is an ordained minister with a degree in music from Southern Calif. College and has pastored in Alaska and on the west coast. Both were trained at YWAM in Solvang, '77 & '78. Wes ministers in music, leading worship, and leads. Martha is a talented singer and composer, also involved in counseling and teaching. They have two children, Jacob, age 6, and Anna, age 5.
- Stephen & Anita Herzig - Ages 24,22. Steve was born and raised in England, and Anita was born in South Africa, raised in America. Steve has worked with YWAM since '73 in Europe and Africa. Anita joined YWAM in '74 in Germany, trained with Sisters of Mary in Darmstadt, Germany, also at Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas. Steve is gifted in preaching, teaching, with a ministry of prayer and leadership. Anita will be involved in a music ministry, counseling, hospitality and administration.
- Andy Wiedenmeyer - Age 26. Born and raised in Bozeman, Montana. Graduated from Montana State University in '74, worked with YWAM in Montana and then in Europe. (Germany) Areas of ministry: Administration and counseling.

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.

PRAYER DIARY:

In each newsletter we would like to communicate our prayer needs to those who desire to be intercessors on our behalf. Please let us know if you would especially like to be involved with us in this way.

1. Pray fervently that all the twelve of us will experience such personal revival and group unity that we will be able to fulfill God's call on our ministry.
2. Pray for Ron & Shirley, and Wendy currently involved in outreach in Argentina during the month of June; Also for the Hendrickson family, Mike & Lynn, Stephen & Anita, and Roger involved in ministry and work in Solvang.
3. Pray for our book ministry - Renewal Books - as we are involved in placing Christian literature in grocery and discount stores in the greater Los Angeles area. Our first project of this nature is a children's book put out by David C. Cook. More to follow on this later.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you."

2 Thess. 3:1

REVIVAL PORTRAIT:

George Washington on his knees in prayer at Valley Forge was chosen as the symbol for the Renewal Team. Our primary call in revival evangelism is to the United States. Awakening this slumbering giant from the sleep of sin and moral decay will require courage, determination, and an unswerving faith in God the Almighty. These things we find in the life of the man, George Washington.

To our knees we go with him to call upon the love and power of the Living God. Revival always begins with prayer. With zeal and compassion for the souls of men, we utter the prayer of this 18th century saint: *Lord*

"Direct my thoughts, words, and work, wash away my sins in the blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit... daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ."

We then join the revolutionary army of love of the Son of God in our day and humbly and prayerfully go to work. We are thankful and indebted to those who have gone before with faith and with prayer in doing the will of God.

THE MINISTRY OF RENEWAL:

The Renewal Team is a new and unique ministry. Team members have been in training and preparation in Solvang, California since January of this year. In the fall at the close of the summer outreach programs, we will begin holding "Renewal Crusades" in various parts of the United States and elsewhere. Each crusade will be at least a month in duration and may last up to three or four months or more. If you are interested in having a crusade in your area, simply write and we will send you the necessary information.

We earnestly desire your support and prayers, and we hope that our regular communication with you will prove to be a blessing. We also welcome your prayerful suggestions and comments. God richly bless you as you labor for Him. We are

Yours in His service,

and the Renewal Team

World Cup (Mundial) Outreach

Buenos Aires, Argentina

[We flew into Buenos Aires June 1, 1978 for the Mundial (World Cup) Outreach and spent the first three days in a kick-off crusade with hundreds of other young people. This is my first YWAM outreach in the Southern Hemisphere where it was winter and a bit cold.

The outreached participants then headed off to the five major cities where the World Cup Games were taking place: Buenos Aires, Mar Del Plata, Mendoza, Cordoba, and Rosario. I remember going to one prayer meeting where we could see our breath (inside) and using an outdoor shower where hot oil in a cup above the head briefly heated the water. You can be careful to not “bump” the cup and have hot oil spill all over you!

We traveled by bus on June 4 to the city of Rosario which will be our assignment. We are served under Jim Stier, Ross Tooley and Paul Hawkins there.]

Rosario, Argentina

June 5, 1978

God has begun to share much sweet revelation with me since we've been in Argentina. Looks like this is going to be a precious time. Worthy of note are these little gems:

1. From the evangelism we have done in pairs already, I have been impressed that the Renewal Team must be involved in street evangelism like this all the time. It is a must for our ministry. I'm also receiving revelation on how to do it. More later.
2. My heart was really warmed when, at a meeting last night, Wedge Alman shared that God had impressed him that the book of Joshua is the book God is speaking to us out of at this time. Since this is the same book God told me to study this year, I felt much gratitude to the Lord for His faithfulness in guiding my life. Oh, to keep my ears open to His *This will prove to be an outreach that will bless the world. What a joy to be a part!

June 8, 1978

Through Joy Dawson's message on “Obedience” in camp today, I have been encouraged to obey all the truth God has given me to date. That means conviction and change in the following areas:

1. Fasting – I have been unwilling to give up food as I ought and publicly confessed this today. Lord, it will change.
2. Thought life – I will resist temptation in my mind by determination and prayer.

+ Lord Jesus—I will love to obey you and thus be strong and pleasing in Your sight. Thank You for Your love.

[While we were in Rosario, Shirley and I stayed in a 10 X 10-foot stone “shed” with sheets hung both ways to make four little cubicles for couples. There was just enough room for our sleeping bags, mattresses and suitcases. We nick-named it “Honeymoon Hollow.”

It was a kick at night saying “Good Night” to all four couples behind the sheets, and occasionally we would give each other privacy for short romantic moments. Two couples in “Honeymoon Hollow” were Dave and Mary Sue Ross who became good friends and later pioneers in the new Kona base, and Bob and Lorraine McManus who had been in Shirley’s SOE. We were the oldest “newlyweds” in the group at eighteen months.]

June 12, 1978

Slight tests as well as good lessons from God in evangelism are coming daily. Last night I had the privilege of speaking in a Nazarene Church in downtown Rosario. These church involvements as we labor to plant a lasting spiritual work in this city.

God has once again been making me very sensitive to my speech and conduct while here. Thorough lessons in humility and destruction of pride in any form. I welcome Your loving discipline, Lord Jesus. (God spoke to me out of Proverbs about this.)

June 13, 1978

What a lovely time with God this morning. Had a very fervent time of intercession for persecuted believers—especially in Asia.

1. In prayer God showed me a picture of a certain woman that I prayed earnestly for. In my mind’s eye, she seemed to be uplifted through my prayers.
2. Through an impression then conversation with Jim Stier, I have been asked to consider staying in South America to teach at the schools. I will wait on the Lord about this.

+ God is doing some good things here in camp. After a message last night by Jim on the heart of God, I made a promise to the Lord to begin setting aside at least one hour a week to minister to God’s broken, compassionate heart. Oh, how I want this revelation to be a consistent lifestyle in me!

June 15, 1978

After a message by Paul Hawkins at camp, I received this revelation:

“If I seek God I’ll find Him. When I find Him I’ll know Him. When I know Him I’ll trust Him. When I trust Him I’ll obey Him. And when I obey Him, both He and I will be happy.”

June 19, 1978

God's blessing is resting upon us here in Rosario, Argentina. As we've moved in increasing boldness and sang and preached in the streets, souls have been daily born into the kingdom of God. We've even been on National Radio. Saturday, we had a picture and article appear in the local newspaper. This week we will be on television.

I have been doing a lot of speaking. Daily in open-air services I have been preaching—learning to speak for God extemporaneously. I need to always be prepared to proclaim the excellencies of My God.

Last evening during the festivities of the big “futbol” game here in Rosario (Argentina vs Brazil), we held a united open-air service near the stadium. We worshipped our King, the drama team effectively communicated the Gospel, and I again spoke. In the evening we ministered effectively in a large Pentecostal Church in town.

And today we rest! Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

June 23, 1978

Father, you've been doing quite a work with my tongue. For three-to-four days you've made me aware as never before of the power of the tongue and the importance of pure, humble, edifying speech. Thank you for showing me that I need to grow in humility to lead my flock. The heart-to-heart chat that we had this morning was lovely.

I have done all You told me to do. Now I rest in Your love. Use me today as I minister Your Word with Your “speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.”

June 26, 1978

Today ends the Rosario Crusade. It has been a tremendous outreach. We held a communion service last night in which people shared about what God has done in their lives through it. It was a precious ending to the beginning of a deep work of God in this nation.

This morning I “finished” a deep but oh so rewarding time of personal teaching by God. With a tender conscience and many confessions, I have learned deep lessons in the areas of communicating pride and confessing negatives.

1. Not only must I ever move in pride in my motivations, but I must also be careful not to appear proud, especially in using humor.
2. My words should always be positive “giving grace to those who hear.”

+ Thank you, My Teacher, for changing me. Now on toward your heavenly work and call.

July 1, 1978

The 1978 Mundial Outreach is over. As we descend toward Los Angeles in our DC-10 on our way home, I pause to take some moments to think and write to You, my Father.

I believe this was the most fruitful outreach I have ever attended. What was shared at the 3-day conference in Buenos Aires about the work in the five cities was wonderful. You, O Lord, were in our midst in Argentina. You prepared people's hearts via our prayers. You gave us many opportunities for witness which led to the birth of many precious souls.

You've led us in YWAM into a new birth of evangelism—a passion and laboring for souls. I commit myself to obey that challenge in my own personal life and in the ministry of the Renewal Team.

Thank you for the personal challenge to my character that You gave me this month. I have never been so sensitive to my conscience in thought, word and deed. You showed me my pride. You instructed me in the art of encouraging people. I learned that pride was a sin against You—which leads to other sins in human relationships. Just yesterday, you completed my understanding in this and now I return to Solvang determined to be humble, clean, careful in humor and hating evil.

Some important months are before us. How me Your way in them! I trust You for the guidance that I need. I love you. I want to be a general, or a sergeant, or a private...next to God.

July 2, 1978

It's wonderful, Father, to be home—even if my hay fever is acting up a little bit on me (what I feared has come upon me!).

Your WORD was very alive to me this Sabbath day. From Ps. 115 you encouraged me:

- “Trust in the Lord” – this is one of the first truths you ever spoke to me.
- “He is their help and their shield” – You come running to give me ammunition and ward off the fiery darts of the enemy, yet you let me do the fighting, and
- “The Lord has been mindful of us. He will bless us.” God's mind is full of warm and good intentions toward us. He will meet our needs.

Also, from Jude you reminded me to pursue this new level of evangelistic fervor”
“Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).

Amen! Today we rest, then begin.

**July 4, 1978 – Our Special Spiritual Holiday*

After feeling a little down this morning (mainly due to my hay fever) You lifted me up, O God. It was very relaxing and refreshing to rest in Your presence. Out of Zechariah 3Z:5 you spoke to me to do very little intercession in my quiet time over the next ten days so that I can be spiritually uplifted. I need a “clean turban” on my head, I will spend these mornings and evenings meditating on the Word and ministering to Your heart.

I need guidance from You on three things:

1. Whether I should consider going to Brazil & Argentina for a few weeks to teach.
2. What should be the Renewal Team schedule for the fall and winter?
3. Guidance for the book ministry.

July 5, 1978

For the first time in my life, I celebrated the 4th of July properly last night. Shirley and I both read through the “Declaration of Independence” and some other writings about its message and magnificence. It was a lovely time of meditation—and dedication to the preservation of the liberties that our fathers fought for.

*Lord – You showed me out of Hosea this morning that sin is likened to prostitution in the Bible because holiness is true spiritual intimacy. What a thought—intimacy with God. I never want to be unfaithful.

July 6, 1978

Shirley and I had a good time of prayer last night with five team members. God clearly showed us that we are to have our first crusade in Portsmouth, Virginia in September. We will leave Solvang on September 18 and begin the crusade the following weekend. Praise the Lord for His direction. God prepare us...

July 10, 1978

God’s guidance is coming. He has showed us our crusade schedule for the fall and winter. This morning God confirmed to me that I was not to go teach in Brazil and Argentina at this time, but to “let my eyes look directly ahead” and to “not turn to the right or the left” (Proverbs 4:25,27). My concentration from now on is to singly pursue the Renewal ministry. No deviations.

Had a concept of God’s holiness this morning. I want to see the reality of His Majesty with fear and trembling. Days of rest continue. Praise the Lord.

July 14, 1978

My daily reading: Hebrews 11. Yes, Lord, I will be a man of faith! Had a lovely meditation with you this morning in this chapter. You said that **tests lie ahead as we begin our revival ministry,** but for me to live by faith. I am encouraged to do so today. Thank you for continuously and miraculously meeting our needs both spiritually and practically.

After visiting Disneyland on Wednesday, **I was urged to strive to be a “man for the ages” like Abraham Lincoln.** I wept as I listened to his words at the theater on the Disney grounds. My heart reached out to his message and said, “by the help of God, I will affect my world for God as he did his.” It is a prayer of my life.

July 18, 1978

Vacation time is over. As we move back into our preparatory work for the revival ministry, I am more aware than ever of my need for personal revitalizing and renewing.

And **my prayer to God during this time is to be continually clothed with humility, to become a man of prayer, and to be made a soul-winner.**

July 23, 1978

We have eight weeks of intense preparation ahead as we approach our first crusade. Not all of us are together yet, but those who are here in Solvang are praying, studying, and working hard.

I’m fasting today (Sunday). Tomorrow morning, I have an appointment with the buyer of the “Thrifty” chain regarding the Renewal Books project. Because I feel this sale is key to our project, I have begun to seek God a little more earnestly than previous.

Out of an “interesting” time of prayer came the following things:

1. I was led to pray for Jack and Phyllis Holt. God may be speaking to me about their involvement on our team and in the book ministry.
2. God showed me the “prostitution” of the business world and I really interceded for this buyer. I was warned to stay away from a spirit of idolatry.
3. I was encouraged to continue being personally “revived.”
4. Felt impressed to visit each trailer in our park with the Gospel before we go.

July 30, 1978

Times have been somewhat difficult but splattered with blessing. During the many responsibilities that I have, my time with God has been encroached on. Personal moods and spiritual struggles in Shirley’s life are—in cycles—only another weight I do desperately want to help her through.

A few days ago, the team received a \$1000 gift. Just a few days prior to this, I had estimated in my mind that we needed just about that amount to ready everything for the trip to Virginia. Before I even spoke it out, God in His great love, bent down and provided for our unexpressed desire. What love faith and encouragement this brought.

Also, in a time of prayer recently I was given real assurance that God was going to give us the Thrifty chain in our book ministry quest. He spoke to me through a Scripture, warned me against being greedy and doing too much speculating. Now I will rest and continue to pray.

*My need for You, Lord Jesus, gets greater by the day. Fill my little cup—and help me be ever pouring into the lives of others.

August 6, 1978

Recently God spoke to me the following verses: “The one who scatters has come against you. Man the fortress, watch the road, strengthen your back, summon all your strength” (Nahum 2:1).

The interpretation of this to me seemed to be that Satanic forces were being allowed to “knock on our door.” God’s command to me was to be aware of this, pray much, continue to walk in daily holiness, and keep moving and acting with determination and confidence.

This warning easily applies to the Renewal Team. Due to some personality clashes and a few unwise decisions (also undealt with sin), there exists between us some strain and division. We need revival amongst us—and this is particularly true of one couple. I need the help and wisdom of God in many decisions right now.

Personally, I must be more with God. I don’t want Him to leave me because I am not pleasing to Him (John 8:29).

I also re-commit myself to be a man like King Josiah “who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might” (2 Kings 23:25).

*My God, it is a time of great weakness. Perfect Your strength in me. Make clear to me my needs, short-comings, and then lead me in great strength in the pursuit of the kingdom of God in “deeds of devotion” (2 Chr. 35:26).

Aug. 12, 1978

With little sleep and much pressure, I need God badly. After reading a few chapters today, I have been strengthened.

GOD IS GREAT. I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR OR FRET ABOUT.

+ Yesterday while driving in the van, God impressed me that the book of Jeremiah is to be the book I am to preach out of in Portsmouth at our first Tidewater area crusade. After meditating there I am convinced that this is right. Chapter 7:2-7 seemed to be the confirmation.

*Out of Jeremiah I have surely learned of the deceitfulness and willfulness of sin. Jeremiah had a broad and thorough concept, and I want the same.

+ We had a great time of rejoicing in Solvang as God released the full down payment of \$100,000 for the purchase of the Castle. What a miracle and what a GOD.

Aug. 26, 1978

Recently, three prayers have been on my lips: 1) Clothe me with humility, 2) Make me a man of prayer, and 3) Give me a higher level of anointing in my life and ministry.

In the answers to all three, I have been severely tested. A resurgence of sensitivity to pride in my life has left me very weak and openly confessing in sin. I have been deeply challenged as to my lack of depth in prayer. During my struggles, I have found it easy to also struggle in personal relationships on the team and in general. I have greatly needing God.

Last Sunday during a quiet time walk at the beach, a loving God gave me these encouragements: 1) Obey Me, 2. Speak my words, 3) Give messages on the subject pride (Moab) at the Tidewater Crusade, 4) Do not seek great things for yourself, and 5) God is a resting place.

As I've been persevering through this duration of "pre-ministry pruning," a sentence that Oren Paris spoke recently has lifted me up. He said, "The demands that God makes on you always improves your relationship."

Yesterday, in a session with God out on a lawn near our office trailer, God spoke to me from the following Scripture: "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility..." (Eph. 4:1,2).

God has called me to the ministry of revival. To answer my three prayers, He is working with me to perfect humility in my life. With our Tidewater area crusade only four weeks away, my eyes are fixed on and clinging to Him.

My Numbered Days – Fall 1978

My Ministry – Revival through teaching & Prophetic Evangelism (2 Tim. 4:1-5, Acts 26:18, Luke 1:76, Ez. 33:1-10).

LIFE OBJECTIVE – Revival – the Glory of God thru the salvation of the lost.

STRATEGIES – teaching, preaching, writing, and leading the Renewal Team.

PRAYERFUL TACTICS –

1. August 15 – Sept. 10 – Preparation for Tidewater Crusade.
2. Sept. 10 – 14 – North American Leadership Conference – Colorado
3. Sept. 24 – Dec. 3 – Tidewater Crusade, Chesapeake, Virginia.
4. November 16-21 – New Hampshire DTS (Great Awakening)
5. Dec. 11-15 – Teaching at Oregon DTS

MY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Prayer – 1) Teaching, 2) Leading Prayer Meetings, 3) Coordination, 4) Leading home prayer
2. Proclamation – 1) Preaching (all levels), 2) Teaching (all levels), 3) Administration oversight, 4) Leading, 5) *Literature Distribution, TV & radio, door-to-door, counseling.
3. Traveling Team: 1) Oversee choice of and setting up crusades, 2) Training local leaders, 3) Overseeing screening.
4. Home Base – 1) Basic oversight, 2) Resting place and home for my family, 3) Study – ministry preparation.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Matthew 5-7,

1 Cor. 13,

Ps. 1, 23, 121,

1 Jn. 1,

Rom. 1:16-25,

Phil. 3:7-16,

Titus 2:11-15,

Jas.1

and 2 Peter 1:1-11

Revive Thy Work

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SUMMER MINISTRY

ARGENTINA - Seven hundred YWAMers from 42 nations participated in the World Cup Soccer Games held in five cities in Argentina during the month of June. Loren Cunningham, the International founder and director of YWAM called the Argentine Outreach, "the greatest crusade we've ever had". Ron, Shirley, and Wendy represented the Renewal Team at the outreach, and agreed that "Mundial '78" was one of the most vital evangelistic outreaches they had ever been involved in.

Ron and Shirley were part of a 130 person gathering in the city of Rosario, a shipping port on the Plata River. Ron led a 12-man team that went into the city 5-6 days a week for four weeks sharing the gospel of Christ. Often they preached in the streets, did Christian drama and then talked to people about their need to repent of their sins and come to Jesus. Everywhere they ministered, people were receptive to the gospel. One day after preaching in the center of the town bus station, a young man named Miguel gave his heart to Christ. At his writing he is attending the first School of Evangelism being held in Argentina in Buenos Aires.

The weather was cold during the month as it was the beginning of the Argentine winter. In Rosario Ron and Shirley were staying at a Brethren church camp where they shared a small room with four other couples (cement floor, plaster walls and no heat) that affectionately became known as "Honeymoon Hollow". Stocking hats, gloves and long-johns were vital necessities. Lack of warmth and little hot water only gave God greater opportunity to show His love and grace to the outreachers.

Wendy was involved in outreach in the coldest of the five Argentine cities where the soccer games were being played. Mar Del Plata was the pleasure city of the country, situated on the Atlantic Coast. For four exciting weeks Christian witness flooded the streets as 150 people went forth to share their faith.

Hundreds came to Christ through anointed street preaching in the city. All areas of society were affected as teams of young people covered the downtown area quite extensively. Wendy remarked, "Whether witnessing in hospitals, schools, churches, or on the streets, I continued to experience the reality of the fact that as we step out in obedience to the Lord, He will give us the power and anointing we need in order to see His Name glorified". A 24-hour prayer chain was inaugurated in the town to further the work. In freezing weather, young people gathered at all hours to pray. God heard and blessed them. In looking back, Wendy said, "I have a new respect for prayer as a result of being in Argentina". Many did. God had done great things during June in South America, and all felt that it was just a beginning. . .

SOLVANG - For most of the summer the team was involved in training and practical preparations for the fall revival ministry. An 18 foot Aljo trailer was completely remodeled to be used as a traveling "mobile office". Our thanks to many for their help and prayers.

RENEWAL BOOKS

In January of this year, God spoke very clearly to us in the place of prayer regarding our involvement in an extensive book ministry. The two reasons that we felt God leading us this way were (1) God wanted us to use book sales as a "tent-making" ministry to help clear us out of a debt incurred from the purchase of our vehicles and trailers, and (2) The ministry of good Christian literature was a vitaly needed one.

About this same time the Lord brought across our path a young man by the name of Larry Ford. Larry had been involved in a large book ministry in Kentucky for 2-3 years. At his own expense he flew out to California from Nashville and shared with us a new project that involved the sale of a Christian children's book that he was going to promote in the south-east. After talking with him and praying, we believed that it was the will of God for us to enter into the project.

The business involved the marketing of an attractive little children's book put out by the David C. Cook Company, Elgin, Illinois. Entitled "The Magic Picture Book", it came in 25-40 colorful titles, and contained Bible and Bible-related stories that were meant to encourage Christian character growth. It's appeal to the child was the "latent" images that were on every page that suddenly appeared when rubbed over with a pencil. It was to be placed in grocery stores and large discount stores on a tall brightly-colored display stand that resembled a giant pencil.

Throughout the greater Los Angeles area we went approaching the buyers of large chain stores. To help us, the Lord had placed his hand on the talents of Don Estes, who was involved with Full Gospel Businessmen Int. and had many years of sales experience. Sometimes traveling with us and other times assisting by phone, he helped us to get the product onto the American market.

At the end of three grueling months we had placed the book racks in 50 stores. Thirty-five of these were with Smith's Food King in the L.A. area. The rest were independent stores. At the end of a 60-day selling period over 10,000 books had sold! As we had faithfully prayed over each rack, God had honored our diligence. One rack in downtown Las Vegas sold 348 out of 360 books in the first month. Racks placed in predominantly black or Mexican-American areas had done extremely well.

At this writing the two largest chain stores in the greater Los Angeles area (containing 300 and 283 stores respectively) are close to purchasing the product. Three to four stores are also in the running, and we are asking God to guide us. These sales represent the placing of Christian literature before literally millions of people and could involve nearly a half-a-million books.

We feel this ministry is to continue as a Christian support ministry from the Solvang base (as we begin our traveling crusade schedule), and the proceeds will be used to achieve our original goal and much more. Other Christian book displays could follow. Pray with us in the coming weeks that the future of "Renewal Books" may abound to the glory of God as we make many crucial decisions. We are amazed and gratefully moving ahead in that which God has "caused to prosper".

QUOTES

"Nothing is more important to God than prayer in dealing with mankind. But it is likewise all important for man to pray. Failure to pray is failure along the whole line of life. It is failure of duty, service, and spiritual progress". E.M. Bounds "The Weapon of Prayer"

"I consider the greatest danger confronting the 20th century to be religion without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without regeneration, morality without God and heaven without hell". General William Booth

TIDEWATER AREA CRUSADE

In mid-September the Renewal Team will embark on a cross-country trip to the eastern seaboard of the United States. There, in the Tidewater area of Virginia, our revival labors will begin as we hold our first Renewal Crusade September 24 - December 3.

The Berean Chapel, an inter-denominational church in the city of Chesapeake, will be the center of the crusade. Chesapeake is the smallest of four cities situated closely together in what is known as the "Tidewater area" of the state. (The other three cities are Portsmouth - home of the Christian Broadcasting Network, Norfolk and Virginia Beach). The Berean Chapel, pastored by Rev. Dean Harvey, is a growing church of nearly 130 active members which operate a full scale Christian School as well as a small Discipleship School. Many people live and work in this central eastern part of Virginia and the church caters to a large navy population which resides in and around the coast.

Crusade meetings begin Sunday evening, Sept. 24, and will run for three straight weeks. During this time through our multiple ministries we will endeavor to promote an awakening among the professing believers and then move into fervent prayer and evangelism in the community.

After three weeks of meetings the results of the crusade will be evaluated and we will plan a strategy under the Lord's guidance for the remaining seven weeks. Much of this time will be spent in continuing revival labors and in teaching applied areas of revival which include Christian responsibility in a free Republic, Christian economics and education, preparing for hard times, the Christian family, combating moral evils in our society, and the call of world evangelism.

The Tidewater area crusade begins our renewal ministry. As the Great Awakening of the mid-1700's began on the east coast, and as Virginia was the home of the first American colony, so may this outreach be the beginning of a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit in our . . . in the Tidewater area.

PRAYER DIARY

This month is a very important one for us as we near our time of departure to Virginia. There is much to be done before we leave, so we urge you to lift up the following prayer requests before the Lord.

1. Renewal Books is going through a very crucial stage as we await the response from a number of stores. Please pray that God would move strongly upon those men making the decisions, and that these books might be anointed of God to influence the lives of children.
2. Please pray fervently for us as a team as we approach our first crusade. Pray that we will be able to finish all the immediate administrative and logistical tasks before we leave.
3. Call down the blessing of God upon our first crusade. Here are some considerations for your intercession: (a) Sovereign anointing upon Pastor Harvey to prepare the congregation for the coming ministry. (b) Responsive and open hearts among all who attend the meetings. (c) Appreciation and welcome from the other churches in the area. (d) Preparation by the Holy Spirit of the unsaved in the surrounding communities. (e) Prayer for each of the team members. How desperately we need God to dwell in His power in our midst, as we live in purity before Him.

*"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" 1 Thes. 5:16-18*

REVIVAL PORTRAIT

--THE MORAVIANS--

The greatest recorded revival movement of all history can possibly be attributed to a band of people known as the Moravians, or Bohemian Brethren. This group of people, originally from southern Europe, stand out as one of the bright lights of the otherwise dark church period known as the Middle Ages. From a little community settlement in Germany, they were, in the 18th century, to become the first and foremost missionary society to carry a prayerful evangelistic burden literally into all the world.

Their roots can be traced back into the 9th Century A.D. From this time period up until 1461 they lived in continual persecution for their faith as their love for God and zeal for souls cut across the grain of the Church - State monarchies. In the year 1461 they were all but stamped out in martyrdom as a movement, with only a small number fleeing into the hills where they lived in caves until around 1467.

It was at this time that under the guidance of God, the Moravians made a break with the Catholic Church - becoming the first protestant movement, well before the Reformation. Ordaining their own ministers and continuing their humble, submissive lifestyle, they began sharing the love of Christ afresh in southern Germany. In 33 years they had planted 300 churches, set up many Christian schools, and had grown into a movement of over 100,000 believers! And the greatest blessings of God were still to come.

The "brethren" were people of simple lifestyle. Most of them were tradesmen. They believed in living a moderate Christ-like existence. They believed in their continual dependence on the grace of God and saw real Christianity as the "determined break with all sin" and conduct of life in accord with the example of Christ. They were a praying people. They welcomed and remained teachable to people of all Christian denominations and did not pursue their own interests exclusively. Their hearts were set on "worshipping and adoring the Lamb of God" and seeking first His kingdom on earth.

In 1620 during the European "30 Years War" they were again crushed by the state for their faith in the Living Christ. Only 30 of them survived and fled to Poland where they lived for 100 years, still adhering to their love for God and Christian principles. In 1722 they traveled to the estate of Count Nikolaus von Zinzendorf in Herrnhut, Germany, where they joined other refugee believers in the establishment of a community. Little did they know that five years later God would move upon them in such a way as to begin the greatest revival and missionary sending movement the world had ever seen. After all they had accomplished and suffered for Christ, the greater days of revival still lay ahead, to commence in August of 1727.

NEXT: The Moravian Revival Touches the World



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Sept. 2, 1978

I've been going through a heavy disciplinary time recently on the team. The circumstances have caused much anguish, and through it all I've learned humility and how God vindicates us when we walk as He does.

This morning in prayer God quickened Ez. 7:16-19 to me as applying to the situation. It is an awesome Scripture and I approach it and its fulfillment with caution and weakness.

*My God and Father—I will pass this test and hope for restoration.

Sept. 3, 1978

Lord Jesus—You are a wonderful Companion in all circumstances, and I truly thank you for being so close to both Shirley and I during our three-day holiday.

1. At Disneyland on Friday night **you once again inspired me to be a man of God in this nation**. Through “America the Beautiful” and “Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln,” my heart was deeply stirred to not fall short of humbly being “a man for the ages.” You can use me to change this nation.
2. Enjoying your animal world and physical creation were a delight yesterday at the San Diego Zoo. Brought thoughts of Psalm 104 and your tender care over all Your world.
3. Shirley and I are grateful for Your arranging **our motel stay in the “Presidential Suite” at the Royal Inn**. You are treating us as well-loved children.

+ Today we want to worship and serve You in the visiting of the Wild Animal Park and then begin our way home. Thank you for the encouragement, the burden of lost humanity, and the physical rest.

Colorado Leadership Conference

September 10, 1978

I guess this is living testimony to the above confirmation! I'm sitting in a DC-10 in Denver, Colorado on my way to the North American Leaders conference. Praise God for His faithfulness.

That is quite a story. **The day I was to pick up my plane ticket, the Lord released \$350 unexpectedly through the mail**. It came at a time of a low faith ebb for me and greatly encouraged my heart and kept it from stumbling. God is so good to me.

I must record here the disciplinary situation that has now ended on the team. The Hendrickson family for some time had been giving me some difficulties. Attitudes didn't seem

right, our relationship was strained, and I felt that some deep and thorough repentance was needed on their part. I guarded myself from making the same errors in pride or reaction.

Through some sessions together and sometimes with Leland and Fran (Paris), the basic bitterness and problems were acknowledged. In my opinion, however, the repentance was not total and complete. I felt that, in the end, both Wes and Martha had come to a place of unwillingness to conform their lives to the standard of conscience that our ministry demanded. After talking with them and praying, it was decided that they leave.

It was a very difficult and agonizing time. Coming right before the beginning of the revival ministry, it was a large test—a last hurdle. Wonderful enough after their parting remarks to the team and our prayers for them, God visited us with a lovely time of prayers, tears, ministry to me and expressions of love and loyalty to each other...A great weight had been lifted.

*I am now excited about accomplishing the following things during these four days in Colorado:

1. Seek the face of God in rest and isolation for the perspective and prophetic messages of the Tidewater Crusade. (I'm reading Finney's *Revival Fires*).
2. Tie our ministry into YWAM North America in 1979 through fellowship and prayers with other leaders.
3. Set up some crusades for the coming year.
4. Know what to do about our book ministry for the fall.

Then, following the lead of Steve and Anita who are already on their way, it is on to Virginia to realize a dream and please the heart of God.

Sept. 11, 1978

Answer Number 1 – As I sought the Lord today about the Renewal Books ministry, I was clearly guided to Proverbs 4. Out of it, I was impressed to trust God for the fruit of the ministry through great wisdom in handling the whole business. Faith was released to me to believe God for that wisdom.

For the second time, Proverbs 4:12 was quickened to me. Out of the following verse, God spoke to me about patiently waiting for His Word regarding the establishment of our home base:

“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.”

I believe that our “way” in this book ministry will be established.

Sept. 13, 1978

How do I thank you, Father, for Your goodness to me. I just haven't seemed to express the words of gratitude that I have toward You. Today I thank you and record some of the blessings here.

You again reminded me this morning out of Ez. 33:7 of my calling to be a watchman over the Body of Christ. Many phrases and sentences were quickened to me. I have a divine calling to know the heart of God and speak out against sin.

Out of Ez. 34:1-14 You seemed to be giving me a message for pastors that will someday be given in revivals. Clearly outlined in this passage are the spiritual responsibilities of a pastor toward his people. Very tender and revealing.

The other revelation that I received is found in my reading of Revelation 18. I believe that You showed me that Babylon the Great is the capital city of the ultimate selfish society. The key to this interpretation is found in verse 24. Here God records that all the bloodshed of the earth can be traced to one source. Logically speaking, the only source can be human selfishness—a broad category, and not a specific nation, church or organization. Hence, Babylon must be the ultimate selfish society that God will crush with a blow at His triumph.

*Much blessing is coming out of the conference. Personally, I have been much built up and encouraged and given much revelation. I'm sure this will follow in print. Praise be to God!

I took most of the morning to have a time of looking at my sins. All our team members are doing this to help soften out hearts for the message and work of revival. I want to write down some of the things God showed me.

1. I really did see the magnitude of my sins. After going over the list, it was a sobering thought that I could still remember at least 300 specific actions of sin. Almost 100 of these were in the category of lust.
2. Received a new revelation concerning the spirit of criticalness and how deeply I have erred here.
3. It was a wonderful fact to realize that now I cannot remember as much of my sin as I did the last time. Praise God for His cleansing work.
4. My life can be viewed in five stages:
 - a. 0-10 – Innocence
 - b. 10-15 – Guilt of sin with ever deepening knowledge.
 - c. 15-19 – Intermittent life and death—little knowledge of true salvation.
 - d. 19-12 – Entrance into life through repentance and faith—growing knowledge with intermittent back-sliding.
 - e. 21-25 – Consecration – true knowledge, pure motivation and exceptional sin.

This then was the route: Innocent child---Sinner---Religious sinner---Babe in Christ---Mature Man. With such a life account “deeply in the red,” I am highly motivated to serve and love a gracious and forgiving Father.

Solvang, California

July 14, 1978 – 10:30 am

I’m now on my way home. It has been a tremendous four days in Colorado. God has certainly answered all my questions and spoken to me much more. Prayerfully, I want to consider taking our team through the new YWAM Methods School. A deep unity seems to be developing between Ramona Jensen (Musch) and myself, and I want to follow the Spirit’s leading. Also, **we will prayerfully consider having our second Renewal Crusade in New England**—Boston area. And now, to keep on walking with God.

*Again, Proverbs 4 seems to be God’s chapter for me as we look to the coming months.

September 21, 2019

Ah, the testings of beginning a God-given ministry! Since we began our trip to Virginia to begin laboring for revival, we have encountered many small and large difficulties. It seems as if we are being allowed to go through a time of proving on the way to our calling. The circumstances have been the following:

- Just prior to leaving Solvang, we had to put a new battery in the Pontiac.
- A few miles down the road the Pontiac over-heated.
- Six-seven hours into the trip across country we had a blow-out on ones of our trailer tires.
- The next day Mike and Lynn’s sliding glass door fell out of their trailer and shattered all over the freeway.
- Following that mishap, Roger and Wendy ran out of gas on one stretch.
- **Then the clincher came near Weatherford, Oklahoma where in one day Roger had a bad accident in the office trailer during a rainstorm, we blew a transmission in the Pontiac and had to replace it, and Mike and Lynn’s hitch weld cam undone on their car.**

+ These are the mountains that we’ve been climbing.

+ The wonderful thing is that in all these things we have been more than conquerors! Attitudes has been good, and everyone has taken everything in stride. **Last night in a time of prayer, God showed us how abundant His mercy has been and how faithful He always remains.** In all the preceding incidents, we also found that:

- It took only an hour to get a new battery.
- The over-heating problem wasn’t serious.

- We easily put a new tire on the Coachman trailer (ours).
- A ride was given to us to go back to Roger and Wendy when they ran out of gas in the “empty” El Camino.
- Both Roger and Teresa were miraculously unhurt (as well as the car) in the accident.
- God led us right to a transmission place where we received a new one in 24 hours.
- A man showed up to weld Mike’s car in less than an hour and did it in a driving rainstorm!

Hallelujah! I am encouraged today to move on...setting our sighs on revival. This is the greatest lesson. Along with this I think we’ve all learned to yield up all our things to the Lord and count Him as the only possession we own.

Onward to Virginia!

Chesapeake, Virginia

September 30, 1978

Our first Renewal Crusade is underway. With the help of the Lord, we arrived in Chesapeake about 5 hours before we were due to open the evening service. After some dinner with some of the church youth (The Discipleship School –Makarias”) in faith, we began.

[We were invited to this area by Pastor Dean and Shirley Harvey of Berean Chapel. We remained life-time friends and spoke many times together in Puerto Rico during the early 2000’s.]

Tremendous blessing has been upon us so far—and some fatigue. As I’ve preached in the evening meetings there has been good breaking and humbling over sin. On the second night a young man was wonderfully delivered from homosexuality. On the third night, there were many deep confessions and some conversions. One marriage was healed. Last night as I spoke on prevailing prayer, once again God’s Spirit was among us.

What a need now for strength and vision! We must keep the momentum going. Daily I am looking to God...and trying to stay clean and humble before Him.

*We greatly rejoice in God for allowing us to have our trailers parked comfortably on the church grounds. We’re looking to the Lord for the rest of our needs.

October 12, 1978

The dew-drops of blessing around us have continued at Berean Chapel. After two completed weeks of meetings, we have seen some strong conversions, baptisms, much conviction of sin and renewing of conscience among the people.

It has been a grueling pace. At times I have wondered if I was able to cope with the pressures—and God has been faithful.

The second week I ministered for five days on conscience. It was well received. [I'll never forget **Shirley Harvey** confessing before the whole congregation with tears that God had convicted her of not returning letters to friends that she received. She deeply repented and committed to make that right in the future.]

This week we've moved to other areas and I've found it a bit more challenging.

On Sunday morning as I ministered on the "Moral Depravity of the Human Heart," we saw a tremendous move of God with between 25-30 people coming tearfully forward for ministry. The service lasted until nearly 2 o'clock and many met God in prayer.

*A few days ago, Shirley and I had a lovely dinner together to celebrate our second wedding anniversary. God led us to a nice restaurant where we rejoiced in our love for one another around a good meal.

From a time in prayer a few days ago, I must record the following things:

1. I was sure impressed to pray that **Greg Musch** would continue with the team after this crusade.
2. I felt better than ever about taking the team to the "Renewal Seminars" to be held in Solvang January-March of next year (Proverbs 12:1).
3. I'm open to Judith Anderson again joining the ministry.
4. I was led to worship the Lord out of Matthew 2—following His "star."

*Today I am in need. Had a difficult time in prayer this morning, am feeling much spiritual warfare and the need to determine to cling to Christ. I will. God help me.



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A WAVE OF REVIVAL IN TIDEWATER

ON SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24, THE RENEWAL TEAM BEGAN THEIR FIRST "RENEWAL CRUSADE" AT THE BEREAN CHAPEL IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA. NOW INTO ITS SECOND MONTH, THE CRUSADE HAS WONDERFULLY SEEN THE BLESSING OF GOD, AS GENTLE STREAMS OF REVIVAL HAVE BEEN FLOWING. A REPORT FOLLOWS:

We were thankful to be on Virginian soil. The trip across country in the caravan of cars and travel trailers had been a week of real testing. A battery had gone dead in one vehicle; the largest trailer had blown a tire just five hours into the trip; another trailer lost a sliding glass door in Arizona; we had run out of gas on one stretch in Texas; in Oklahoma, a hitch had come unwelded, a new transmission had to be put into another vehicle, and we had an accident with the small office trailer (smashing in the back - no one was hurt, praise God), all in the space of about four hours. Then we stopped to pray. Confessions were made, we yielded up all our earthly possessions to God, and set our faces to go on in His will. Encountering no more problems, we arrived in Chesapeake just five hours before our crusade meetings were to begin. Parking our trailers on the church property, we had a meal, mustered our strength, and went to work.

For three straight weeks, crowds of between 70 - 200 came to the church every evening except Monday. Team members led in worship and song. Messages on revival were then given. Beginning the second night, the convicting power of God began to settle on the gathering. Tearful confessions began to flow. Soon every meeting became characterized by hours of corporate and individual prayer following the invitation. After the 'formal' service ended, many people went to the prayer room for counsel and help, where team members offered encouragement and prayer.

People were getting right with God and each other. One young man was totally delivered from homosexuality. A number of families were reconciled. One young man spoke for many when he said one evening, "I've been wearing a mask for a long time". He took it off, asked forgiveness and was changed. Nightly there were conversions - baptisms often followed. God was cleansing His people.

Two major themes began to emerge. The first was the awfulness of the sin of pride. Dozens of people confessed sin in this area. The pastor led the way in brokenness and full confession before his congregation. Other leaders followed, including a prominent youth leader. One notable "miracle" occurred when a former deacon and church treasurer heard about the revival on the radio and came, broke before God, wept, and asked forgiveness.

The sin of prayerlessness was the other major area of God's dealing. Much confession and repentance came forth over the shallowness, superficiality, and lack of prayer - again beginning with some of the leaders. To correct the problem and add fuel to the revival, a twenty-four hour prayer watch was begun which still continues in force.

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When the three weeks of meetings had come to an end, the church had been changed. Not all had been affected. Yet something was wonderfully different. The team continued to counsel with people, work with the Discipleship school, and began going out in evangelism. A breakfast with 12-15 local pastors and leaders on October 17 was used to tell of the work of God. Tapes and books on revival were also going out by the hundreds.

In mid-October, Harry Conn arrived to minister in the crusade, and he was followed by Dr. Murray Norris of the Christian Family Renewal. Both ministries were well received and added fuel to the fire of renewing.

For the remaining weeks of the crusade there will be a strong emphasis on prayer, evangelism, and continued revival - touching all elements of the church family and community. Other churches are opening their doors to the revival. November 6 - 10 Ron will be teaching the staff of the Christian Broadcasting Network (700 Club) on the ways of God in revival, with this gospel voice having the potential of reaching millions. What has begun in a powerful, yet small way at the Berean Chapel in Chesapeake is hoped and prayed to spread in all directions for the glory of God.

SOME PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON THE TIDEWATER CRUSADE
FROM PASTOR DEAN HARVEY OF THE BEREAN CHAPEL

As a pastor, the genuine Holy Spirit awakening that has begun at the Berean Chapel has had to begin with me. God has deeply worked in my life in many areas over these weeks. One error I saw very clearly in my pastoring was that I had been serving the people to a great extent rather than truly serving God first. I had also been guilty of prayerlessness and the consequent lack of brokenness and compassion that would have given life to the word preached. Pride has been the main area of God's dealings in my life, and I've seen how the root of sin tainted every relationship I had - beginning with my life and family - and then touched every life in the church due to my position. With shame, but now with rejoicing, I have truly seen that "revival is God's finger pointed at me".

In the meetings many have been saved, mostly from within the church family. Strong basic preaching of "the truth in love" has broken up much fallow ground and been followed by times of confession, tears, restitution, and then the joyful approving smile of God! A noteworthy miracle took place in the life of a former deacon and church treasurer who was restored to fellowship after in-depth ministry. These probings and restorations have affected many lives.

We're praying for the revival to grow and spread. Daily we're now knocking on doors and sharing the love of God with our community. It is the most exciting thing that I have seen in 25 years of ministry. As we go out, the ministry of prayer is probably the most evident day-to-day witness that Christ has visited this church. We are now pressing on toward a mighty breakthrough.

RENEWAL BOOKS

In our last newsletter we mentioned the origin and development of our Renewal Book ministry. While we have been ministering in Virginia, this support project has continued in Solvang, and God has continued to honor our prayers and work. Of the two large chain stores we have been negotiating with to distribute Christian literature through, the largest, Thrifty Drug and Discount, has approved the project. Praise the Lord! With God's blessing, the book racks will be going into 300 stores in the greater Los Angeles area after Christmas. Other store negotiations are taking place, and we are waiting, watching, and praying. Rejoice with us and please continue in prayer.

During the Tidewater crusade we have also been selling and distributing books on revival and prayer. Messages given during the crusade have been recorded on cassettes, and distributed. In the coming months we would like to make these materials available to you. If you are interested, please let us know.

October 27, 1978

It is a sad thing when busyness keeps me away from my journal. I must discipline myself to not let it happen, and with God's help I will.

Our crusade has continued with the blessings of God. After the three weeks of teaching, we ministered on repentance in a neighboring Catholic Church (God brought conviction) and since then have been concentrating on the ministry of prayer at Berean Chapel and evangelism. We have begun to take some flyers door-to-door in the area and went to a large park in Norfolk one Saturday.

Last weekend **Brother Harry Conn was with us** and spoke Friday night, Saturday night and both services on Sunday. Many responded for prayer and counsel following his messages. On Friday he appeared on the 700 Club to share on humanism and we were able to sit in the show as a team and meet **Congressman John Conlan** who was also a guest. It was a joy to talk with him after the program and only led me to respect him more as a much-needed man of God in government.

A couple weeks back I failed to record that the team took an outing to Jamestown, the first colony in America, and Williamsburg, the colonial capital of Virginia, and home of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and others. It was a refreshing time and I pondered much the founding of the United States with the hand of God guiding the way. In a film that we saw about Williamsburg, the words of Burgess John Frye ring in my ears:

"In order to be free, we must choose, God help us to always make the right choices."

Thursday and Friday evenings **Dr. Murray Norris and his wife** were with us. His ministry was well received though the crowds were not large. Nate Krupp and an associate have now arrived, and we are looking forward to their ministry.

Have we seen revival? What more can be done for God here? These are real questions that we're looking at now as we have 5-6 weeks left in the scheduled crusade. The prayer chain continues and so does our desire to see God pleased.

*Use us, dear Lord. May not a minute be wasted as we give our all to the formation of Your kingdom. Begin with me, Father. I am your servant.

October 28, 1978

When praying regarding Renewal Books, God shared these words with me: "If you keep your eyes on the end of your ministry [revival] I will bless the means."

November 15, 1978

Great busyness and great neglect have kept me away from my journal for some time. Today is restitution day as I do some spirited back-tracking.

We were tremendously blessed a week or two ago in this crusade to have the ministry of Nate Krupp of LEI. For ten days, Nate and a few others taught on the ways of God in evangelism and we did quite a bit of door-to-door and literature work. The training. There was also much prayer being uttered up during the time and number in our prayer chain is now over eighty.

Last week I had the privilege of teaching on revival at the Christian Broadcasting Network (700 Club). For five days during a half-hour noon prayer time I shared on revival and by the final day there was much conviction of sin and a number seemed to have wonderful breakthroughs. Now I pray that the lifestyle of repentance would spread to the 50 million people that they touch over television and radio.

The past two Sundays the team has ministered in a Quaker Church in Virginia Beach. Both services contained testimonies of people who had been touched by God at Berean Chapel. God moved so wonderfully that we have been asked to come back and do a crusade there and throughout their denomination.

[It was at this crusade that we met Al & Sally Roberson and Rich and Nancy Ivy—who became life-long friends.]

Washington, D.C.

On Monday and Tuesday, the team took a “spiritual vacation” to Washington, D.C. We went to develop our burden for the country and to rest. It was very stimulating to visit the memorials, the White House, Congress, the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress. It will certainly help us pray for the most powerful city on earth. This was our primary reason for going. God was very gracious and good to us the entire trip. Only problem was we didn’t get much rest!

*Now I am looking to my Savior. Tomorrow I leave for New Hampshire...and the crusade is into its closing weeks. Oh, do I want to be glorifying to God and seek the maximum in this crusade. Only in His strength can I continue. Tidbits:

1. From Nate Krupp’s ministry on the “End Times” I am more and more convinced that 1979 should be the year of establishing our home base.
2. It’s been a treat to have Jim Waller with us for a few days.
3. I must live by grace and prayer.

4. Once again I'm renewing my memorization of the Word and committing myself to read daily a buy one book on revival a month.

5. Had a good time on the Operation Mobilization Ship the M.V. Doulos which is now in Portsmouth Harbor. Their conference on unreached peoples kindled in my heart a renewed desire to bless the world through our revival ministry.

Concord, New Hampshire

November 18, 1978

It is a joy to be in Concord, New Hampshire at the YWAM base with Shirley. I have been speaking on revival to the Discipleship Training School here and already we have seen the blessings of God.

[We worked here with Nick and Rosanne Savoca and Dave & Tammy Adams – lifetime YWAM friends.]

Our of 2 Cor. 12¹⁹ God continued to encourage me to use speech that is “upbuilding” in all areas of my life. This is an area of discipling by the Holy Spirit that I am in currently.

There was also a great sense upon my heart this morning about upcoming guidance decisions. God wants to speak to me about the Tidewater Crusade and where it's going. He also wants to speak to me about possible ministry in New England. I am open to hear. These are exciting days of turning from sin and looking upon acres of harvest fields before my eyes.

*Speak to me, my Savior, and with a whole heart, I will obey.

November 20, 1978

I believe from a short time of prayer today that God would have Shirley and I stay on in New England for a few extra days. The main reason would be to attend the “Great Awakening” Conference on revival in Boston. I believe God is saying to “remain.” Great good could come out of our involvement here and the subsequent plans to return to promote revival in New England.

November 23, 1978

God has wonderfully added his blessing to our ministry here in Concord. The Spirit of God has brought wonderful conviction of sin and changed many lives. The teaching on the Christian history of the United States had an unusual anointing upon it.

Last evening when we were fasting and praying in preparation for Thanksgiving, God led us in a lovely time of public building up of one another. During this time, God was very close to me in revealing 1) pride that I must continually deal with and hate in my life, 2) That I must

commit myself to give my best time to prayer if I am to practice what I preach, and 3) I have become proud in more easily seeing the faults and immaturities in other people instead of their positive qualities, and to right this I must strive to be a humble leader.

God has dealt with me much during this preaching trip in the areas of pride and maintaining a clear conscience before God and everyone. I want to learn some deeper lessons.

And we've experienced a gentle reviving...Today being THANKSGIVING, I bow and give thanks to You, O Lord.

November 28, 1978

On Friday morning we drove with the YWAM DTS down to Boston to attend the "Great Awakening Conference." It was a gathering of around 1000 people from all over New England to seek God for revival.

I thoroughly enjoyed all the meetings. During the two days, I had the privilege of meeting David Manuel, one of the authors of *The Light and the Glory*. I also had an inspiring time talking to Dr. Richard Lovelace of Gordon-Conwell Seminary. Dr. Lovelace is an authority on revival and was very stimulating to talk to.

On Saturday morning I spoke to a group of about 40 on personal evangelism and then we went out into the streets of Boston. From that experience I learned that Boston is a needy, hardened citadel.

*From the "Great Awakening" I got a glimpse of the spiritual pulse of New England. I now look forward to laboring there for the Lord in coming months.

+ On Saturday flew to New Jersey where we spent some very special days with our friends the Pinajians. And then we flew home (Virginia), and so ended a fruitful ten days on New England soil for the first time. (Shirley and I had some wonderful times of prayer during this trip and I hope to make the norm in our home.)

*Now to the work—With one week of our scheduled crusade left I have exhorted the team to give it all we've got. Fixed on revival we must be!

Chesapeake, Virginia

Dec. 3, 1978

Dr. Paris Reidhead has been ministering at Berean Chapel and I had the privilege of having lunch with him yesterday. It was a real spiritual treat as he is a wise, gentle and articulate man.

As I've been under scrutiny of the "eye of God" lately regarding pride, this promise from God's Word has been a great comfort: "When pride comes then come dishonor. The integrity of the upright will guide them" (Pr. 11:2).

*One evening my Bible fell open to this passage and it greatly encourage my heart.

+ Last evening, we had a beautiful love feast at the church and today I've been ministering on revival at the Church of New Life. Tired, but willing, I go on...

[At the end of the Tidewater Crusade, each team member answered the following questions. Here are my responses.]

Tidewater Crusade -1978

+ What I've learned about myself:

1. I've learned that I'm very susceptible to pride in my life. It especially shows itself in my speech, whether private or public, and when there are comparisons made with other leaders or gifted people. God has given me deep revelation of my daily need for His grace--so I don't fall into pride in my motives or appearing proud in my actions.
2. I've seen the real need in my life to become a man of prayer I do not pray long as I have set my heart to do. It has not been easy for me to pray to God fervently for a solid hour and this exposes my shallowness and need. I also want to give my best time to prayer, not squeeze it in between other responsibilities.
3. When I get tired and pressured I can slip into a gear of operation that is less than fervent and whole—and this is a great danger. I must always be serving God with a whole heart, even when I'm tired.
4. In revival, I must stay continually a broken man.

+ What I've learned about God:

1. His extreme faithfulness to provide for our needs has been vividly displayed during this time.
2. I believe I've seen as never before His grief and patience with sinful people as He's given me revelations of moral depravity of the human heart.
3. That He is very firm with sin, but sweet, gentle and tearful within. I must be the same.
4. That He cannot bless disobedience or half-hearted efforts in promoting revival. This level of blessing—revival—requires all.
5. One day He spoke to me about how much He loved me. What a blessed assurance!

+ What I've learned about revival:

1. It is costly—in time, strength, and especially in prayer.

2. Truth must be preached very plainly and simply. If sermons and teachings are too general or theoretical, the results will not generally follow. We must be very plain and make the person to be revived believe that God's finger is pointed at him.
3. Over extended periods of time peoples' attention must be captivated. The distractions of the modern world make the reviving of the human mind very difficult.
4. It is hard to promote revival in a cosmopolitan setting. An area or group of people must have common culture, traditions, and a common theological base for there to be a widespread move of God's Spirit.
5. I must seek revival always, in all settings, until I die!

Solvang, California

December 10, 1978

It is wonderful to be back in Solvang, California after a marathon 3-day drive across the country. We finished our preparations for leaving Virginia on Wednesday—God had wonderfully met all our needs—and after saying goodbye to the brethren at Berean (and also Steve and Anita who have gone to England for Christmas), we began driving across the United States. We had a good trip with time to pray, read, fellowship, sleep and only encountered a little ice and snow that kept us awake and proved a challenge to our travels.

Today is a beautiful sunny Sunday in Solvang. I had a lovely walk with God this morning and told Him how much I loved Him. He shared His love back with me, and especially led me to praise and meditate out of Psalm 103. What a glory! Had some wonderful thoughts on the “gift of eternal life.” I was also extremely blessed to read 2 Timothy and desire sometime to commit it (and possibly 1 Timothy) to memory.

*Tonight, the Renewal Team reports to the base on the Tidewater Crusade and then we'll spend a few days here in the area.

December 12, 1978

Had a lovely meditation in Hebrews 5-8 this morning. Here's what was quickened out of these chapters: “You are a priest forever” (5:6, 7:17,21).

*Seemed to be a word from God to comfort me and give me a perspective on eternity and my role in it.

***I also had a tender time of prayer for my brother Greg** and saw a picture of him singing for the Lord and even leading people in worship like in a crusade meeting. I also pictured us praying together. I prayed to God that his soul would be saved and that this “picture” would be a reality one day.

Hillsboro, Oregon

December 16, 1978

Since arriving in Oregon yesterday, I have been made aware of the fact that **due to the strenuousness of the past weeks and months, I am really in poor health**. I found out last night that my blood pressure is high--150 over 90—and I really need to do something about it.

This morning in my devotional time my HEAVENLY FATHER spoke to me out of Isaiah 40:

“He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”

Out of this portion of Scripture I believe that God has quickened to me some things:

1. I am to look to Him for the wisdom to stay healthy and be willing to suffer any “hardship” (even health-wise) for the sake of the Gospel.
2. During revival I should not over exert myself by praying during the night. This plus the labors is too much to handle. I must discipline myself to get enough sleep (a la John Wesley).
 - a. Shirley and I need to change our prayer time right now on the prayer chain.
3. **I am to begin a weekly exercise program to improve my health** (Is. 40:31 – “run”).
4. Our team members should all get physicals once a year. And I should insure that during crusades and between crusades we are getting enough breaks and rest.
5. I must look to the Lord and not fear.

***I won't stop praying and I won't stop laboring for revival. I will just become wiser.**

++ Before I left Solvang I had a great opportunity to spend a couple of hours with Gordon Olson. To my surprise, during our time, he shared with me that I was pursuing success and that for a couple of years he had grieved over the pride that he saw in my life. He said I was too dynamic. He felt I needed to be held back and humbled like Moses was after his first forty years. For quite a length of time we talked about these things and then had prayer.

To be sure, these things took me by surprise. For a couple of days now I have pondered his words. If this is a warning and admonition from God, then I want to hear. I truly do want to walk in the humility of Christ and I do know that great good—either way—is going to come out of this time...

***And now my goals for these days in the Northwest:**

1. Spiritually and physically rest and return to health.
2. Preach the word in season and out of season.
3. Exhort many to righteous, watchful living.

December 17, 1978

God showed me something this morning at I believe He has been trying to teach me for some time. It has to do with the sin of pride. For some time now, I have been extremely sensitive, especially in my speech, to moving in pride. Just this morning, because of a few things I said and then made confession for, I believe God showed me that in almost all cases when my mouth betrays me, it is due to pride. **Lying or distorting facts comes from pride, and this was the specific thing God put His finger on.** When I sin in this way I should not just ask forgiveness for lying, but for the sin of pride and was behind the lie.

*Thank you for this revelation, Father. I continue to seek to be humble like Christ...and this is quite a quest.

Salem, Oregon

December 22, 1978

Praise God for the tremendous days of spiritual blessing in Sale, Oregon here at the YWAM enter. The teaching I've given has been well received (with good conviction and reformation), and Shirley and I have had especially good times with Marty and Mindy Berry. Salem is a dynamically expanding base and I am open to pray about our role with it in the future.

Port Orchard, Washington

Currently we have returned to the seat of our "roots" and I have set my heart to accomplish the goals outlined on the previous page. Day by day, moment by moment, I am looking for You, my Savior, to strengthen and guide me and make me fit for your us.

December 26, 1978

God has been faithful to give us another good Christmas. This year my mind seemed to be much more aware of the wonder of the divine being born as an infant. This was a continual revelation to me. During the Christmas holidays while visiting among family and friends, I also felt the continual tension of the burden over their souls. In conversations I felt the constant constraint to at least try and speak for Christ. This was quite a heavy weight at times. More and more my eyes seem to be on eternity and its values.

*God has also given me some revelation that I will soon take time to record.

Darrington, Washington

[I mentioned in my 1979 Journal that I spent three days preaching and teaching in Darrington, Washington Dec. 28-30 at a YWAM Crusade. This was Denny Gunderson's home town and we spent good times together that led to our linkage in ministry in the Seattle area nine years later.]