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*“Mobilizing Families
For God’s Kingdom Worldwide”*



Dear Friends in Christ,

PLEASE NOTE! — AT THIS POINT, MONEY SENT IN TO OUR OLD CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST ACCOUNT WILL NEVER GET TO US! IT WILL EITHER GO IN A GENERAL FUND OR BE REDIRECTED TO ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER.

**** SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DISCARD ANY OF OUR OLD CCC DONATION ENVELOPES, FORMS OR RETURN RECEIPTS.**

ALL CHECKS SHOULD NOW BE MADE OUT TO GREAT COMMISSION FAMILIES, AND SENT TO EITHER THE FFI POST BOX, OR OUR BRUNSWICK ADDRESS. ON THE RETURN RECEIPT PLEASE CHECK THE BOX FOR DESIGNATED GIFT AND WRITE GCF-BEALLS IN THE SPACE IF IT’S NOT ALREADY PRINTED THERE.

THANK YOU!!

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS: SPEAKING TRUTH TO OURSELVES

Through daily reading of God's word, we hear the truth about whatever situation we are in. And the truth 'sets us free from the law of sin and death.' How often I react as if under the law of sin and death, in my emotional, reactional 'looking at the things which are seen' self. And then I fear, doubt, become discouraged or worse. But oh to hear the truth and be reminded that God is all powerful (His hand is not short), He makes beauty from ashes, His spirit intercedes for us, He has loved us with an everlasting love, there is nothing to fear, He reigns from His throne, there is nothing too hard for Him, His plans are for our welfare, He is near to the brokenhearted, He comforts the afflicted, we have the mind of Christ, we are a new creation, we have no obligation to serve our flesh, we have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us, faith is the object of things not seen, if we have the faith of a mustard seed we can move mountains. Oh, to daily remember to put on the full armor of God. Our enemy is not 'flesh and blood' (people). The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. We do not need to be conformed to this world, we can be transformed by the renewing of our mind. It is not I who live, but Christ in me. By the Spirit, I must daily put to death the deeds of the flesh. We can know the good, perfect, acceptable will of God. And on and on and on . . . who have we but Thee!!!

Oh, the blessed sweetness and ministry of God's Word, anointed by His Holy Spirit. What depths of treasure. May you, also, *speak truth to yourself daily*, and be cleansed & transformed by the power of the Word. May your children memorize it and hide it in their hearts, that the Lord may use that hidden treasure to speak truth to their situations throughout their lives.

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MOVING FORWARD

As we move forward through this transitional time, exciting things are happening!!! For instance . . .

1. WEB SITE

We are in the process of developing a new web site. I believe at least some of you have gone to our old site and been confused by the lack of current info there. We hope to update it soon with personal family info, but a new web site under development will be our ministry site: www.GCFamilies.org. Aaron has made a temporary screen for www.BeallFamily.org while we are working on things on the new site, as well as updating the old site.

2. CHRISTIAN HERITAGE TOUR #1

Our first Christian Heritage Tour is scheduled and being planned. We are amazed that as we put that request in our last letter, before the letter was even mailed, a young man from church asked Bernie to be a tour guide for a bike tour of Gettysburg. How sweet of the Lord to bring that to Bernie without him even pursuing it. :-) BTW, the bike tour (scheduled for June 17) will be 9 miles with 5 stops and include 3 devotionals to teach spiritual lessons using II Samuel 11:1; John 15:13 & Hebrews 11:1.

3. ITINERARY

Pray for us as we set up a travel and speaking itinerary, as well as opportunities for hospitality, small group meetings, and outreach. There are many opportunities and we need wisdom and priorities and the Lord's guidance. Without us trying, the Lord has already given us the opportunity to host 15 families, as well as host 2 larger events and 3 open houses.

4. ROMANS

Bernie & Linda have been reading and studying parts of Romans together. Daniel has been memorizing Romans chapters 6, 7 & 8. This past Sunday, Bernie spoke at our church and he shared with us how these middle chapters in Romans reveal central truths to successful Christian living, and warn against two extremes of error: Submitting to our 'old master' (sin) and relying on our 'former teacher' (the Law). The purpose of the Law was to show us our depravity, and our inability to fulfill the Law in our flesh. Our only hope is in the Spirit's power (see Romans 8). We plan to put the notes for this talk, and his notes from the Gettysburg Christian Heritage tour, at our new website soon. Bernie is also putting together a talk series on Family Missions & Discipleship. This talk series will be at our new web site as soon as possible. Did I mention our new web site is under construction? :-) Please pray for our web site developer, Aaron, that the Lord's hand is with him, providing him time and using Aaron as His creative, talented vessel to design and set up the site.

5. FINANCIAL NEEDS

As we are setting up different aspects of launching this ministry, and making various travel plans, we are ***encountering additional expenses***. In addition, we also have significant good news and bad news related to ***dental needs***. The good news is that Sarah, Bernie and I are finally addressing some dental issues that have been postponed, due to other demands in our life in recent years. For Sarah, it's dental surgery and braces to attempt to pull down an unerupted canine. For Bernie and I, there are various extractions, implants, crowns, and replacement of failed silver fillings. Ugh. Daniel, who had some dental needs last year, has one final thing, also. The bad news is, even after our dental insurance and dental discounts, the estimated out of pocket cost will be pretty phenomenal. About 12 K. We are expecting that some of this will need to be financed over the next few years, but are asking you to pray if the Lord would have you help with this in any way to minimize (or even eliminate) the amount we will need to finance.

We trust the Lord to provide as he sees fit. He knows all, and he is not surprised by this. He has a plan. We just ask that you pray and ask the Lord if you are part of His plan and provision!

God bless you richly, and thank you so much for your continued prayers and generosity!! We love you so much, and are so grateful for your encouragement, prayer, and financial support.

In Christ' Love,

Linda for the Bealls

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.” ~ from Romans 8:35 & 37