

the BEACON

"The unfolding of thy words give light; it gives understanding to the simple"

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FULFILLING GOD'S VISION

In this issue of "The Beacon" we want to share with you greetings from three foreign missionaries whose lives were touched and changed through Bearers Of Light Ministries. Their testimony will help you to understand what part this ministry has played and is playing in their individual lives and ministries. We trust that you will be as blessed as we have been blessed in helping them to fulfill their call to the mission field. All Glory goes to the Lord!

Greetings from Kabul, Afghanistan!

My name is Betsy Beamon and I am the Founder and Director of the Women of Hope Project. I serve the men and women of Afghanistan as an Ambassador for Christ. God called me to serve His lost sheep in this ancient land in October 2001.



God broke my heart for these people, after seeing what had happened to the Afghan women, under the oppressive rule of the Taliban. I felt the intense desire of God's heart to go to Afghanistan to see what I could do to help. I knew that He desired to set these precious people free from the spiritual and physical captivity and bondage that they had experienced for so many years. Every missionary that I have spoken to, who has been called to serve a Muslim nation, has experienced great opposition, in every way, both at home and abroad.

I experienced my share of setbacks and I knew that I

would really need a strong, God-centered support system from home, if I were going to be able to fulfill this calling. After much prayer, God led me to seek Ken and Doreen Stafford, of Bearers Of Light Ministries, as that source of support. I had previously been trained by Ken and Doreen at their Biblical Counseling School and I had received personal counseling from them as well.

Before God could have me serve in this land, He had some housecleaning to do in my own life and spirit. I came to know and trust Ken and Doreen's integrity and dedication to the truth of the Word of God during my training at their school and their counsel to me. I prayed for God to provide me spiritual parents who would faithfully pray for me and someone I could trust to manage the finances and nuts and bolts of my ministry with integrity, so that I would be free to serve the land of my heart with full assurance that God was being honored by good stewardship of the gifts and provision that He provided to me for this work. It was obvious to me that Ken and Doreen were the spiritual parents that I sought. When they agreed to help me, I knew it was an answer to my prayer. The training that I received at the Biblical Counseling School gave me the foundation of the Truth of God's Word to minister to hearts of the Afghan people. They have fallen victim to the lies and deceptions of the Enemy and, as a result, experienced 23 years of war, along with famine, drought, death, sickness, spiritual oppression, and separation from the One True God without the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in their lives. These truly are a lost people.

Ken and Doreen have tirelessly continued to serve the Lord, long after the time in their lives that most people would have retired. Your support of Bearers Of Light Ministries makes it possible for them to do this.

God has entrusted them as faithful stewards of His Word and has hand-picked every student He sends to them, because He has a plan for their lives to go out into

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all the Nations to preach the Gospel in truth, whether it be to the next door neighbor or abroad, as He is now using me.

BOLM is producing great fruit for the Kingdom. That fruit is now being spread abroad into the Nations. I want to personally thank you for your support of this ministry. The way that God has used your gifts is truly an example of how the drop of a pebble in the sea, can cause a ripple to cross an ocean. Thank you for blessing Bearers Of Light Ministries, the Women Of Hope Project and the people of Afghanistan and I pray that God will pour out His blessings upon you and your families immeasurably more than you can imagine. God bless you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



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We met Ken and Doreen through a seminar they were teaching in our home church and they became like “spiritual parents”. They have lived up to those expectations over the years. Initially, they helped us jump the hurdles of

practical Christian living by being Christ-like examples, in response and in prayer. Ken and Doreen were an enormous influence in our spiritual growth. They walked beside us as we grew in the Spirit and as we learned who we were in Christ and who we are in the Body of Christ at large.

As the call of God became more and more defined in our personal ministry, Ken and Doreen were there again with wisdom, counsel and guidance. They demonstrated selflessness and love in helping to hold up our arms as we have taken this journey of full-time ministry.

Now as full-time resident missionaries based in Ghana, West Africa, Ken and Doreen continue to be pillars that we can lean on. Our present focus is the Lobi people of Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Ivory Coast. The teaching material that has been developed by Bearers of Light is priceless. Their books on counseling, marriage and parenting are invaluable tools for ministry and pastoring. Aside from spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, planting over 25 churches along with the nationals and involvement in many humanitarian

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projects, we have co-founded Mt. Zion Training Center, a discipleship training program using their materials to make better disciplers of today's future leaders, a people that know how to follow Christ and by example spread His love to the world. Africans outside of our training center are also using these resources with great success. God's truth revealed through Bearers of Light crosses cultural as well as geographical barriers, as it blesses the Body of Christ around the world.

We trust that these testimonies have inspired you as they have us and give you a better understanding of how BOLM touches so many lives around the world for His Glory.

Ken + Doreen

FEED MY SHEEP

Where is Your Faith Anchored?

The Word tells us in Hebrews 11:1, that — “Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

A perfect example of faith being practiced is in Hebrews 11:7, where we are told, “By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”

In Hebrews 11:8, we are reminded that, “By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.”

We see many today that place their faith in faith, not in God. When their faith doesn't produce positive results, they become angry with God.

Whenever our focus is on anything other than God, we are candidates for disappointments and failures.

In Colossians 3:2, we are told to, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's image of gold in the book of Daniel, chapter 3, the King was furious and threatened to throw them into a blazing furnace.

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

In Daniel 3:17,18 ,they responded to the King, “If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O King. But even if He does not, we want you to know, O King, that we will not serve your god’s or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Their faith was in God, not faith. Regardless of whether they lived or died, their faith was in Him. Because of their faith in God, He delivered them from the blazing furnace. The fire had not harmed their bodies, not a hair on their heads was singed, their clothes were not scorched and there was no smell of fire on them.

As a result of their willingness to live or die because of their faith in God, when they came out of the furnace unscathed, King Nebuchadnezzar said in Daniel 3:28, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego — they trusted in Him and defied the King’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”

What a powerful testimony for us to practice daily in our walk of faith. Unwavering faith regardless of the outcome is a powerful testimony to those who walk in un-belief.

Let us all commit our-selves to a walk of faith that does not waiver, but always brings glory to the Lord through our changed lives. As a result, our godly example of walking by faith, will draw others to Christ.

COUNTING THE COST

In Luke 14:28, we are told, “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?”

We have always endeavored to be good stewards of God’s provision for this ministry. We consider all contributions a sacred trust from God through our partners, like you, even when it resulted in waiting on starting projects that we felt God wanted us to start. We have come to realize God’s timing was of utmost importance, otherwise we would be moving in presumption, which is not practicing good stewardship of His provision.

As we continue to seek the Lord for His daily provision for this ministry, we realize how important your part is in providing the support that allows us to fulfill the calling of BOLM.

PRAYER FOCUS

PREFATORY – Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the new life sermon; the girding on the armor for battle; the pilgrim’s preparation for the journey. It must be supplemented by action or it amounts to nothing.

A. Phelps

Please pray for the following:

- Interceding for a restoration of Biblical: manhood, womanhood, fatherhood, motherhood, marriage and family life
- Open doors for ministry (domestic and foreign)
- Protection to help us stand firm against the enemy
- Anointing for consulting services, ministry, teaching, and writing new materials and publications
- Financial needs to be met
- Divine health, strength, wisdom, guidance and protection
- Lives to be transformed through our preaching, teaching, consulting services, and publications
- Fulfilling our Apostolic role to Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries
- Light of Life Ministries and its outreach locally and around the world
- Light of Life Christian Fellowship and its outreach to the community
- School of Biblical Living
- Pneuma Bible Institute
- Women of Hope Project (Afghanistan)

Luke 18:1 – Then Jesus told His disciples --- that they should always pray and not give up.

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If you are not currently a supporter of BOLM, won’t you consider asking the Lord if He would have you become a financial partner? Your contribution of \$10.00 or more per month (33 cents per day) or a one-time gift of \$120.00 or more will help us touch more lives with the Gospel. Gifts of any size are always welcome and appreciated.

We are so thankful for the faithfulness of each one of you who are currently giving to this ministry. We trust that God will encourage you to continue your current level of giving or even increase it. You are the ones who make it possible for BOLM to fulfill its vision and calling. God Bless You!

Please find a faith pledge card and return envelope enclosed for your responses. All contributions to BOLM are tax deductible.

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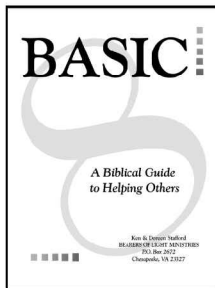
NUGGETS OF TRUTH

RESURRECTION – We see in the risen Christ the end for which man was made and the assurance that the end is within reach. Christ rose from the grave changed and yet the same; and in Him we have the pledge and type of our rising.

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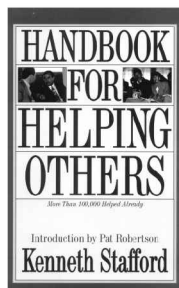
- BIBLICAL COUNSELING CONSULTANTS (Giving counsel to counselors and helping churches and ministries to establish counseling services)
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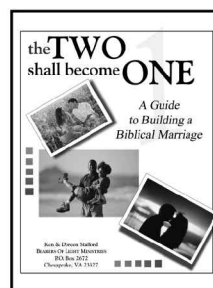
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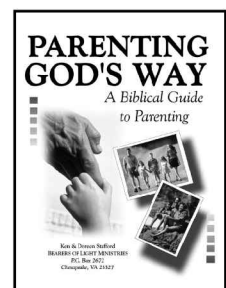
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