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

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GOD'S VISION

We continue to be amazed at what God continues to reveal and accomplish through BOLM in our latter years. Truly our latter years have been greater and more productive than our former years.

We are delighted to report that we have eighteen students attending *Pneuma Bible Institute* in our new 2005/2006 school year. What a joy it is to see the hunger they have for the Word of God and desire to truly become disciples of Jesus Christ and take the Gospel literally around the world.

In our last newsletter, we shared with you many details concerning PBI. In this edition, the last for 2005, we want to share with you some of the other things that are happening with BOLM and ourselves.

Our relationship with ISOM (International School of Ministry) has truly become a divine connection. Not only are we using their video teaching material with great success, but Doreen has been asked by ISOM to develop some video teaching for women, that if all goes well, will be made available in many languages for women around the world. She has so much to offer women, because of her maturity and experience in teaching women for many years. Please pray for the success of this project.

As you know, our books and materials are being used around the world; currently in (25) twenty five countries that we know about, in (5) five major languages.

During this past year we have received requests from (7) seven more countries for assistance in a wide range of areas. Some want access to our books, others want to come under our Apostolic covering, some want help in establishing their own schools of *Biblical Living* and the list goes on. Please pray for wisdom, favor and God's anointing as we seek Him concerning how we can best serve our brothers and sisters around the world.

Doreen and I have been talking recently about the legacy we desire to leave behind us when the Lord takes us home to be with Him. I know of no better legacy to leave behind, than what He has been doing in us and through us these past thirty years of formal ministry. We have lived almost eight decades and have experienced so much of the Lord in our lives. He has blessed us and used us far beyond our expectations. Our latter years have been so fulfilling in knowing that because of Him we are making a difference in peoples lives. As He continues to give us breath, we will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in whatever way and venue He puts before us, and follow His vision for our lives and the outreach of BOLM.

Our prayer for each one of you who read this column, is that no matter what your age or background may be, by submitting to the Lord, He can use you far beyond your expectations as well. Time is so very short and we must not waste it during our limited time on this earth. So many need to hear and know the Gospel of Jesus Christ that He has placed within you as a testimony to His Glory.

Ken & Doreen

COUNTING THE COST

In our last newsletter, we shared with you some of our needs related to our school, *Pneuma Bible Institute*. By the way, "Pneuma" means, embracing the breath of life.

The needs we expressed are crucial in the growth of the school. Currently we have 36 teaching sessions that we need to videotape and put on DVD's. We currently have no equipment or funds to do this. The cost of this equipment will be close to \$5,000.00.

Another need is the cost of accreditation which will run over \$2,000.00. This will allow students to receive credit and carry that credit to other schools. It also will give us credibility within the Body of Christ and the Christian educational community.

This school (PBI) fulfills a prophetic word that came to us (Doreen and I) several years ago concerning the need to train disciples to go out in His name carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19,20)

Our passion in our latter years is to see this school and its students make a major difference in our churches, communities, our nation and around the world, for His glory!

In order to do this, we need partners like you, who will stand with us in financially supporting this school in the making of disciples who will GO out and change the world for Jesus Christ.

Won't you consider what part God would have you to play in supporting BOLM and its school, PBI?

For all who contribute a minimum of \$100.00, we will send you a certificate stating that you are a charter member of PBI's support base. It will acknowledge your sacrificial gift to BOLM that will help support the ongoing training of our students.

We are so grateful for all of you who currently partner with us, and for those of you who will become partners to financially support this ministry. We welcome and appreciate gifts of any size to support the ongoing work of BOLM.

Please make your checks out to BOLM. If you want a portion or all of your gift to go to PBI, please indicate this by checking the box on the enclosed faith pledge card. All your gifts to BOLM are tax deductible, less any premiums received.

God bless you for helping to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world through our students and ministry for God's glory!

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

Women of Hope Project was awarded official non-profit 501(c) 3, tax-exempt status by the IRS in December 2004. Prior to this, Bearers of Light Ministries, founded by Ken and Doreen Stafford of Virginia Beach, VA, carried us on their backs as our fiscal sponsor, which allowed us to accept tax-deductible donations. They assumed most of the responsibility of maintaining our financial records and provided me with guidance and prayer support during the infancy stage of this ministry. Ken and Doreen also served as Treasurer and Secretary respectively on our Board of Directors. Now that we are officially recognized as an independent organization, and with a growing ministry of their own, Ken and Doreen felt we were properly prepared to be on our own and have offered their resignations from the Board. They have coaxed the baby bird from the nest!

Thank you, Ken and Doreen, for your selfless service, your wisdom, guidance, prayers and love you provided both to me personally and to WOHP for the past two and a half years. Thanks for holding my hand and for your confidence when it was time for us to grow. God Bless you both!

*Betsy Beamon, Director
Women of Hope Project*

PRAYER FOCUS

"Tis Heaven alone that is given away; it is only God may be had for the asking."

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Please pray for the following:

- Our country to return to Godly values and morality based upon the Word of God
- 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, writing new materials and publications
- Financial needs to be met
- Divine health, strength, wisdom, guidance and protection
- Fulfilling our Apostolic role to Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries
- School of Biblical Living that it might change the lives of its students for His glory
- Pneuma Bible Institute that it would transform the lives of its students in preparation for fulfilling their calling

Luke 11:10-For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

FEED MY SHEEP

Accountability vs. Irresponsibility

The dictionary equates accountability with one who is responsible.

Have you noticed, as I, the growing number of people who do not want to be made accountable to anybody or anything? They refuse to be made accountable or responsible to God and others (employers, family, church leaders, school authorities, etc.) for their actions. It seems that we want to be free spirits that do not value commitment, accountability or responsibility.

This all started in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve refused to make themselves accountable or responsible to God and were banished from the Garden.

The Bible tells us in Matthew 26: 56, that the disciples all left Him at the time of His arrest. What happened to accountability and responsibility? Even the Apostle Peter denied Him three times.

The Bible tells us in Romans 14:12 – “So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

How will we explain on judgment day our unwillingness to be held accountable or responsible to God and others?

I overheard a young person the other day say that they didn't think they would go to work that day. When asked why, their answer was that they really didn't like their boss, so that gave them the right to not go to work. I wonder what would happen to the economy, if everyone who had a difficult time with their supervisor stayed home when they felt justified to do so?

If we haven't found out already, it takes dying to the flesh to make ourselves accountable to God and those He has placed in authority over us and around us.

Ephesians 4:22-24 says this, “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your *old self*, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the *new self*, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Many of us make commitments to fulfill certain responsibilities, but because we have difficulty in rising above our old nature of the world into our new nature in Christ, we refuse by our actions to make ourselves accountable or responsible to anyone, assuming it is our right to do so. Again, misplaced priorities, preferring SELF over God.

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

I wonder if this isn't a basic problem in our relationship with God? We make a commitment and make ourselves accountable to Jesus Christ at salvation, but somehow we fail to connect the spiritual dots and feel we still have the right to do what we consider best for us. We want to live our own lives, seldom considering whether they line up with the Word of God or not.

No wonder we have so many confused and defeated Christians. We MUST come to the place in our walk with the Lord, that commitment, accountability and fulfilling our God ordained responsibilities are revealed through our unwavering obedience to Him, whether we feel like it or not. We either belong to Him or the world. There is NO middle ground.

John 14:15 – If you love Me, you will obey what I command.

Jesus set an example for us by making Himself totally committed, accountable and responsible in obedience to God the Father, and proved it by going to Calvary for each one of us in order to make a way past our sinful natures to spend eternity with Him.

In closing, we need to see the love, commitment, accountability and the fulfilling of his responsibility that the Apostle Paul, had with Jesus Christ our Savior.

Philippians 3: 7-11 – But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Let us all make this the confession of our hearts. If we do, then like Paul, our love for Jesus Christ will motivate us in our commitment, accountability and the making of ourselves responsible to the Lord regardless of how we feel or what we consider our rights to be. **WE ARE HIS, TO DO THAT WHICH PLEASES HIM, REGARDLESS OF THE COST!**

What will you hear when you are judged for the life you have lived on this earth? I know I want to hear, “*Well done good and faithful servant.*”



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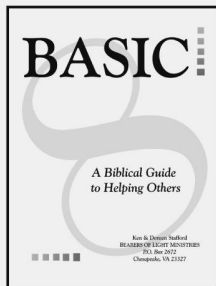
Christianity – is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. It is not an idea in the air but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear twelve months of fruits in all kinds of weather. Fidelity to duty is its root and branch. Nothing we can say to the Lord, no calling Him by great and dear names, can take the place of the plain doing of His will. We may cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His Kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope, unless we plow and plant in His Kingdom here and now. To remember Him at His table and to forget Him at ours, is to have invested in bad securities. There is no substitute for plain, everyday goodness.

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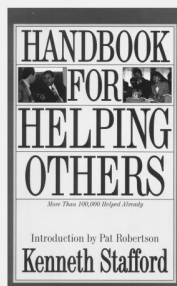
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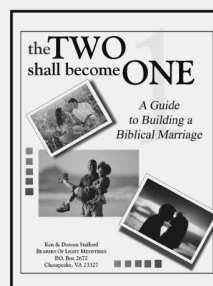
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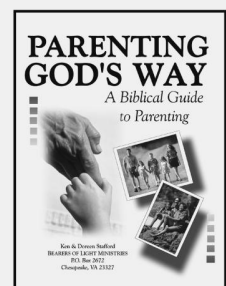
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