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National and District Events

2009

March

25-27 District Ministers Conference (Elkhart Lake)

April

12 Easter
18 Junior Bible Quiz (Oak Creek)
24-25 Junior Bible Quiz (Quad Cities, IL)
25 Music Ministry Chorus Exchange

May

1 Spanish Men's Retreat (East Troy)
7-9 Ladies Retreat (Sheboygan)
10 Mother's Day
25 Memorial Day

31 Pentecost Sunday

June

1 Music Ministry Camp Rehearsals
8 Music Ministry Camp Rehearsals
21 Father's Day
19-22 Senior Camp
22-26 Teen Camp
24-26 Spanish National Conference (Denver, CO)
28-3 Family Camp

July

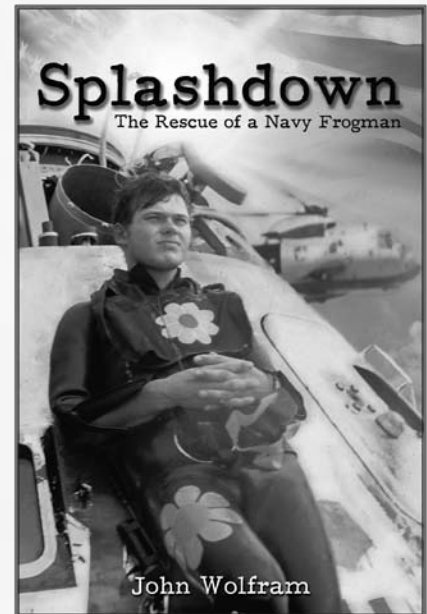
13-17 Junior Camp
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FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE

The basic and fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

We shall endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come into the unity of the faith, at the same time admonishing all brethren that they shall not contend for their different views to the disunity of the body.

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Editorial

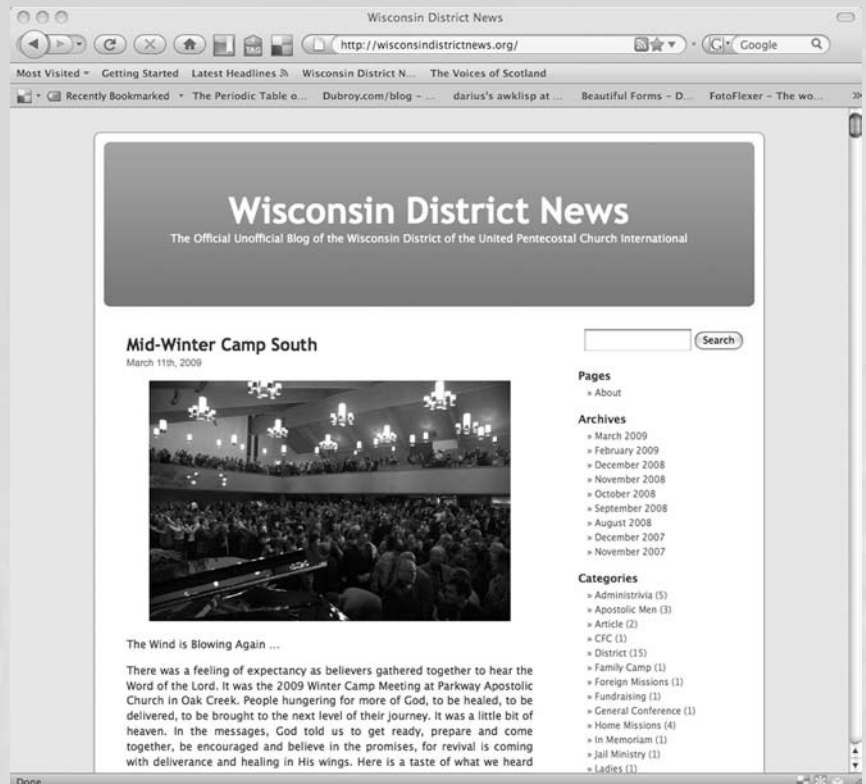
I can't remember the last time that I wrote an editorial for this newsletter. Shortly after taking the helm of the newsletter, I decided that news of the goodness and activity of God would always take precedence over my own mere scribbles. As God seems perpetually busy doing marvelous things in the state of Wisconsin, you haven't seen anything from me in years.

For editors, plenty of material is always a good problem to have and I'm sure many of them pray for this exact situation. So you might be forgiven for wondering why you find yourself reading an editorial at this time. Naturally there is a good reason.

I need to announce some changes in the schedule of the Wisconsin District News. We have switched to quarterly publishing and will be increasing the emphasis on the newsletter website.

For those of you watching carefully, the front cover of the last couple of issues has included a website URL for the newsletter.

Going forward, the website will be the first place that all stories submitted to the newsletter will be published. The hope is that those of us in the news department will be able to bring you the news from the



kingdom faster than before.

The website is organized in the form of a blog, where the newest material is at the top of the page, with older material as you scroll down.

The print edition of the newsletter is not going away, but the material in it will now be a selection from everything submitted over the quarter. So, to track all the good things happening in the district be sure to check the website as well.

Pastor Simon Chappell
WDN Editor

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United Pentecostal Church International

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Meet me at World Evangelism Center for a tour of the facilities.

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Winter Youth Convention

Winter Youth Convention: looked forward to ... memories treasured from ... an experience worth the time and cost. I remember Winter Youth Convention as a wonderful blend of Spiritual renewing in Jesus and fond memories of friendships built. But that was over fifteen years ago ...

Today WYC has grown to include the young adult population through what is called the Velocity Conference. This year's convention took place December 29-31, 2008 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI. Over 800 were in attendance in the evening services to hear Brent Keating from North Carolina. Tuesday morning the youth heard from our very own Adam Mundinac of Eau Claire and Bro. Keating spoke again Wednesday morning. Those out of High School attended morning breakout sessions geared for them with Jonathan Mulling from California.

Wisconsin Youth Ministries set aside time to honor all former youth presidents for their service and setting the groundwork for what WYM is today. Those in attendance were Bro. Kaske, Bro. Rogers, and Bro. Booker.

The after-service activity both nights was Player's Choice, which is a large sports-complex in Appleton. There they held tournaments for dodgeball, basketball, volleyball, and kickball.

Since I was unable to attend the conference I interviewed two sisters age 13 and 15 who were able to attend the event.

Q. How did this year compare to other years?

A. Kayla: Well, I only went last year, they both were good, but I didn't like player's choice very much.

A. Lauren: They just keep getting better and better.

Q. How far did you travel to get there?

Both traveled from Germantown to

Appleton, which took about 1-1/2 hours.

Q. Did you go as a group? How many others went from your church?

A. Kayla: Yes, 12 youth kids and 5 chaperones and a baby so 18 all together.

Q. About how many young people attended the event?

A. Lauren: I think around 1,000.

Q. Did you make any new friends while you were there? How many?

A. Kayla: No not really

A. Lauren: Yes and four.

Q. What message(s) stayed with you the most? Why?

A. Kayla: The one when he used the door and probably because he used a door.

A. Lauren: I liked all because they were powerful.

Q. What was your favorite part of WYC? (Besides the guys!)

A. Kayla: Ha ha, well man I was going to say the guys, ha ha just playing. Probably when we went to the mall because I got to hang out with friends and get new clothes.

A. Lauren: Just hanging with my friends that I don't get to see too often.

Q. Is there anything you would like me and/or the state of Wisconsin to know about WYC?

A. Kayla: Well, I don't think Player choice was that fun and neither did a lot of my friends (unless they were guys). I don't think Player's Choice was fun for the girls because most girls don't play sports.

A. Lauren: I love WYC so keep up the good work. The Player's Choice was OK. - Definitely not my favorite activity.

*Report submitted by Sis. Loretta Lundt
and Bro. Phil Demos*

The Wind is Blowing Again!

There was a feeling of expectancy as believers gathered together to hear the Word of the Lord. It was the 2009 Winter Camp Meeting at Parkway Apostolic Church in Oak Creek. People hungering for more of God, to be healed, to be delivered, to be brought to the next level of their journey. It was a little bit of heaven. In the messages, God told us to get ready, prepare and come together, be encouraged and believe in the promises, for revival is coming with deliverance and healing in His wings. Here is a taste of what we heard ...

Coming out of Prison

Calvin Jean tried to get us to think outside of the box using the analogy of a lazy man in Proverbs 22:13, who justifies not coming out of his self inflicted imprisonment because he does not want to face the truth about himself and confront the root of his problem. So he creates an unrealistic set of circumstances to justify his existence. He suggested that many Christians choose to blame the circumstances of the past and live as victims rather than as conquerors. The point is that our heart can deceive us into making all sorts of judgments and choices that keep us impoverished. He said we can be as free as we want to be if we stop making excuses and look inside, confront the imaginary lions we use to justify our laziness, and believe God at His Word.

Harmony of the Body

The next morning, Wisconsin District Superintendent John Putnam, using Psalm 139 as his text, spoke of the harmony of body functions and how they work together to keep the body functioning. Each one of us has 100 trillion cells, 60,000 miles of blood vessels transmitting fluid to maintain life, ten body systems all working together. He said the same is true of the body of Christ. We, born-again believers have not just the

functionality of the human body operating, but the very life of our Creator living inside us. He said as members of the Body of Christ, we have all been created with purpose and distinction. However, we could become “splintered” if we begin to think that we are just an independent group and not give heed to the overall picture of the Lord’s body in the earth. He also warned about not thinking we are somehow more special and do not have to work together as long as we are in harmony with the local assembly. As our limbs never separate from the natural body regardless of abuse, likewise we all need each member in the body of Christ and should not separate, but work to achieve harmony for the overall good of the body. In Ezekiel 37:10-12, there was a shaking when the Word was prophesied and the shaking did not cause the individual bones to remain detached from each other, but came together. “...and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone” (Ezekiel 37:7). Likewise, Brother Putnam said not until the body of Christ comes together can there be a refreshing of life.

“But God is Still Good”

Sister Penny Schmalz, widow of Home Missions Director Michael Schmalz shared both her pain at the loss of her soul mate and the lessons she learned that sustained her in the darkest moment of her life. She shared the courage of her husband and how she struggled with God’s will in her sorrow. She came to understand that speaking negative thoughts would give the devil an opportunity to capitalize on them and imprison her. So she began to acknowledge the character of God and by doing so obtained grace to process her pain. Sister Schmalz presented six points on how to deal with suffering:

- 1) Let go of the questions and release your



Mid-Winter Camp South

right to know the answer. You can lose faith if you dwell on why God allows bad things to happen.

2) Accept the situation. Look for good things in life. You will be able to smell the flowers again.

3) Surrender. Do not blame yourself for decisions made or lack of faith. God's power is not dependent upon our having faith. Relinquish the past and allow God's sovereign will.

4) Refuse to wallow in self-pity. You can allow the situation to isolate you from others who can help.

5) Go forward and create a new reality from shattered pieces of your life.

6) Re-invest emotional energy in something else. Move from being paralyzed and get involved in something outside of yourself. If you do this, you will be able to change mourning into gladness, and hope will be restored in God for your future. Hope is a forerunner of expectation.

Failed Expectations

Sister Lois Green, wife of international evangelist Tim Green, spoke in a similar vein about going through the destruction of a storm and having to face failed expectations. She said that when you enter a storm, do not fear if you do not respond in faith, because God will bring you through and in the process give you a new revelation of his omnipotent power. The storm is another steppingstone to get you to your destiny. She said never should we give up on the promises of God, regardless of the outcome: this could be the very test of our faith before the blessing. The question is, in the midst of the storm and its after effects, will you still serve God? Faith in God is based on eternity, she said, not on the temporal.

The Visitation

On the last night, Evangelist Lee Stoneking encouraged our faith to work in the supernatural.

He said the Holy Ghost came to mix God with flesh, quoting the Lord Jesus, "...He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..." (John 14:12). He said the world does not want religion; it wants a demonstration of the Spirit and power. The hour is here when we will see miracles because the people are desperate for a visitation from God. We can be a vessel bringing forth revival if we give ourselves to it. We will find our destiny in the very things to which we give our attention. Availability is the key to be used miraculously. The gifts of healing are what God does through us and therefore are limited; the gift of faith is what God does without us and is flawless.

The Spirit of God moved mightily in the midst of a cloud of glory with healings and deliverances and impartation of anointing for ministry. And there were miraculous signs apparent with one man getting up from his wheelchair and dancing. Another lady prayed that the anointing would heal her chronically ill grandchild in another city. Days later, a stunned doctor cancelled a medical procedure. Yes, the wind is blowing again just like the day of Pentecost!

Then at the leading of Brother Stoneking, everyone in unison shouted unto the Lord Jesus, and it was like the sound of a rushing mighty wind as it filled the auditorium. Clearly, the Lord visited us.

Sis. Carole J. Keller

WDN Section 2 Representative



The Seventh Piece of Armor

As Pentecostals, we have the ability to communicate with God as no other “believers.” The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, in the form of speaking in tongues, allows us the direct, perfectly fluent communication with our omnipresent, omniscient Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.” (1 Corinthians 14:2)

Speaking in tongues is a sign that follows those who believe. “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;” (Mark 16:17)

Speaking in tongues is meant to be more than just a one-time experience as the initial evidence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

It is vitally important that we speak in tongues as often as we can.

When we speak in tongues, we are actually praying. Jude 20 tells us that “praying in the Holy Ghost builds up our most holy faith!”

Praying in tongues strengthens our spirit. “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself;” (1 Cor 14:4a)

The word “edified” means to charge (like to charge a battery.) Just as eating healthy food strengthens or charges the human body, praying in your heavenly language, strengthens or charges your spirit: your thoughts and your emotions.

The enemy of our soul knows what a powerful weapon praying in tongues is. He uses doubt to discourage the newly baptized-in-the-Spirit believer that nothing really happened to them. That what they experienced was just themselves saying some sort of gibberish. He discourages

seasoned saints from praying until the Spirit flows through them because he knows they are not as effective when they do not pray “in the Spirit.”

Dealing with the enemy of our soul is not a game, but rather spiritual warfare. The enemy makes constant strategic moves against our spirit when we pray in a “known tongue.” What we need to understand is that we have power over him when we press through. When we pray in tongues, our spiritual enemy cannot understand and oppose our prayers. “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Rom 8:26-28”

Sometimes our own inability to understand what God may be doing in a situation can cause us to be off target in our prayers. Praying in our heavenly language allows God to make intercession through us so that His will can be accomplished in the earth.

Praying in tongues allows us to pray strategically, focused prayers. It allows us to add power as we intercede, aligning our prayer according to the perfect will of God.

I have heard of hundreds of situations where people have felt impressed to pray for someone, having no idea what might be happening or even who the person was, but when dates and times were compared, it was the exact time that prayer was needed to bring about God’s perfect will

in the situation.

One story I will never forget was of a pastor's wife who was praying while washing her dishes. God gave her a vision of a man in a bamboo cage and she literally fell to her knees in prayer and travail in the Spirit for this man. When the burden lifted, she finished doing her dishes. Years later she was in a church service and she saw the very man that was in her vision. Talking with him confirmed the fact that he had indeed been in a bamboo cage and that it was at the time of her prayers that a critical decision was made as to his release!

Unfortunately, many Spirit filled believers never develop their prayer language. Ephesians 6:18 admonishes us to "pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watch thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." The more we allow ourselves to pray in the Spirit, the easier it will become.

Jesus has given us many weapons with which to war against the enemy of our souls: the Word of God, the blood of Jesus, the name of Jesus, our faith, the word of our testimony, worship ... However, one of the most powerful weapons of our warfare is praying in the Spirit, praying in tongues.

As we put on "the whole armour of God," as instructed to do so in Ephesians 6:10-18, perhaps we are leaving off the most powerful piece. Could we actually be neglecting the seventh piece of armor?

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness

of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**" (Eph 6:10-18)

The first six items in the armor of God are things we "put on." The seventh is something that flows from inside of us that leads us to be bold as Paul mentions in verse 19.

Praying in the Spirit, praying in tongues, is a gift that Jesus has granted us so that He can truly use us in these last days. Jesus does not need our prayers to do anything, but He covets the relationship that prayer affords us as we spend time in His presence communing with Him.

I encourage you to put on the whole armor of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

*By Joanne Putnam
thereadyscribe.com*

Author of:

*Let's Go Down to the Potter's House
So You Want to Write
Growing in All the Right Places*

The Lost Generation

It was a time tempered by the First World War and the feeling of disillusionment that accompanied the War. It was the time between the First and Second World Wars that there arose a group of authors who felt that America had lost her identity, demoted to a place that was devoid of a cosmopolitan culture, a place where the ideas of creativity had been replaced with materialism. Authors and artists such as T. S. Elliot, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, and Ernest Hemingway sought the meaning of life against a backdrop of the First World War. They became known as “the lost generation”. These authors and many others felt that they were living in a mundane existence, stoic atmosphere, and knew they had to find something different. They were rebelling against the prosperity America was experiencing. But what they didn’t realize is the very thing they thought was wrong in their life was the very thing keeping them alive and prosperous.

Much like the lost generation of the World Wars, there has been a generation of young Pentecostal men and women who have been lost, who have fallen behind, who have gone out in search of something they thought was a solution to their problems. I have seen many preachers’ kids, who have indescribable opportunity to be used in the work of God, throw their life away and leave their walk with God for the sinful pleasures of this world. Pentecostal minister’s sons impregnating girlfriends, Pentecostal preacher’s sons looking for answers from the bottle rather than from an altar, Pentecostal families torn apart by adultery and affairs.

I believe that we as families have allowed the spirits of Hophni and Phineas to enter into our children’s lives and into our homes. As sons of a preacher, Hophni and Phineas, robbed God of his offerings (1Sam.2:14-17), fornicated with women who served at the gate of the temple (1Sam.2:22), and disrespected their father time after time.

It’s these same spirits that are spiritually robbing God of what our churches have been sacrificing, it’s these same spirits that allow our sons, daughters, husbands and wives to spiritually fornicate with the things of this world, and it’s these same spirits that cause our children to disrespect the Man of God. Yes, the Pentecostal youth may look like they are in church, but what are they doing when no one is around, when the lights of off, when the music has stopped playing?

1 Samuel 3:13 tells us that Samuel indeed was a good priest, but he failed as a father. Ministers and saints of this great district, are we forgetting that we have an obligation to our families to “train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) The lost generation today is nowhere to be found because our children have not gotten something engrained in their hearts and lives at a young age. So many times we REQUIRE our children and teenagers to go to church, Sunday school, Bible study, and we take away any opportunity for them to decide that they WANT to go. Living for God is a choice, not a requirement. If we train our children up with the understanding that church is the right choice, they WILL NOT depart from it.

The lost generation today is not a generation of writers, poets, artists or thinkers. The lost generation is that same generation that Jesus spoke of in Luke 15 when he described the shepherd who would go seeking the one lost lamb when the rest of the flock was safe. Or, consider the woman who lost her precious coin. How could she end up losing such a precious thing? But the scary thing is that the coin was lost inside the house. Something precious is not always going to be lost in the world, but could be happening Sunday by Sunday. The lost generation is those who, no matter how old they may be, have turned away from the church. You see, our “precious treasures”

Section Two Sectional Revival Team Report

On a snowy Saturday morning February 21st, the Section II Revival Team met at Elim Tabernacle to finalize proposals discussed at the Summit to advance the Kingdom of God in Section 2 during 2009. Chaired by Rev. Anthony Tamel, Presbyter, other members of the Revival Team who contributed were the Reverends Joseph Hanthorn (Germantown), Tim Vic (Elim), Erik Carlson (New Berlin), Geoff Albertson (West Bend), Steve Rogers (Elim), Jim Booker (West Bend), Henry Choconta (Milwaukee).

Section II is bursting with some dynamic plans for 2009. At the meeting, agreement was reached on several initiatives.

For outreach, a Boot Camp for Milwaukee area youth will be held June 18-21st. Bro. Matt Maddix has accepted an invitation to conduct the Boot Camp along with an entourage of an estimated 200 youth. A rally will officially open the camp at Elim Tabernacle on Thursday evening, June 18th. At this time, participating youth will receive intensive training to equip them for evangelizing inner city youth over the weekend. A \$50 registration fee will be charged to participants.

A Harp and Bowl prayer meeting will be held on May 15th at Abundant Life in Oconomowoc, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pastor Tamel shared the success this prayer event has had at Parkway and was excited to share it with other churches in Section II. The term "harp and bowl" are found in Revelations 5:8. The harp refers to worship and the bowl refers to incense representing the prayers of the saints. A prayer/song leader sensitive to the Holy Spirit will be recruited. The section also has implemented

prayer coverage for two churches every month. The churches submit their prayer requests and they are circulated to the churches in the section in accordance with a continuing goal to share one another's burdens and promote unity.

For instruction, two ideas surfaced. One was to contract with a guest speaker, in person or via web camera, to talk at future SOAR meetings on a variety of topics, such as finance, alcohol/drug treatment, and ministerial ethics by men such as Brother JT Pugh. This idea will be pursued.

The second idea that was approved was to host a section-wide "Free at Last" seminar on restoration, deliverance and spiritual healing during the month of October. Sister Carole Keller, who came up with the idea, was invited to the meeting by Pastor Tamel to present her proposal. Keller, who authored the book *Free at Last* 15 years ago, shared how principles in the book are being taught in small groups. So many people are broken and hungry for a move of God in their lives, and the pastors agreed the time is right. Since the meeting, Brother Robert Kurz, who travels extensively throughout the country teaching seminars on the restoration of the family, has accepted the invitation to be a keynote speaker at the event.

Finally, the pastors agreed to plan a social event in September for all of the ministers and their families. This will provide another means of fellowship for the Section II ministers.

*Submitted by Carole Keller
Section 2 WDN Representative*

will not return unless we seek them and they will not return if what we offer is what drove them away. These are not easy words to write; they are even harder to speak. I am reminded of words spoken by Vesta Lane Mangun many years ago during *Because of the Times*: "Reaching down and pulling them out of the fire".

It is up to you and me to reach out and find the lost generation. The father of the Prodigal painfully watched his son leave

home for the bigger and better sin of the world, but I can imagine that every day he peered out the same window where he watched his son leave. This is the same window, where one day he saw the figure of his son in the distance, returning home. The lost generation is waiting to be found. Who will join Jesus Christ in his efforts to "seek and to save that which was lost"? (Luke 19:10)

Article submitted by Bro. Corey J. Boyte

Mid-Winter Camp North



Mid-Winter Camp North opened Thursday Jan. 29, 2009 at Pentecostal Assembly in Eau Claire with wonderful prayer and praise led by the WI District Music Ministries leader Sis. Darlene Boyte. The Spirit was moving strong as the Pentecostal Assembly Youth Choir took the stage. Bro. John Putnam and Pastor Hook welcomed all the saints and laid the setting of revival. Bro. Bill Davis gave the message for the evening in keeping the Church the Church. We are a body of spirit filled believers and we need to believe that something wonderful is going to happen. We are to be Bold and Beautiful. Bold in worship and Beautiful in Holiness.

Bro. Putnam addressed the Church Friday morning on discerning the Body. We are the body of Christ and we are truly an amazing created being. We are not to be as the dry bones before Ezekiel. After the bones of the body came together there was revival. They were filled with the

S-spirit, P--power, I-inspiration, RITual. There is revival in the unity of the church. We then separated into break out sessions. The Ladies met with Sis. Greene and Sis. Hilderbrand and the Men with Bro. Greene and Bro. Davis.

Friday evening session opened with soulful prayer. Music was lead again by Sis. Darlene Boyte. Pentecostal Assembly choir again brought the Spirit down and praise was heard beyond the rafters. Gateway Bible College Choir performed and shared their testimonies. The energy and power these youth brought to the meeting was truly a sight to behold. Bro. Hook opened the session with an altar call for healing. Bro. Calvin Jean gave the evening message from Proverbs 22:13. The slothful (man) saith, (There is a lion without...) We must be on guard as our hearts have the power to exploit our minds. We have the power to be free from excuses, anxiety and victimization of the world in Christ Jesus.

Thank You Pastor Hook, and the Revival Commission, Pentecostal Assembly and Pastor Bennett and the many others who helped organize and plan this wonderful event. Everyone who attened is surely looking forward to next year. See you there!

Article submitted by Sis. Leana DeFoe - Superior, WI



Book Review - *Splashdown*

Splashdown is a book for men and in this day and age of wishy-washiness, it is wonderful to be able to say that it can only be described as manly. This is a book that needs to be on your Father's Day gift buying list for the men in your life you love, respect or want to be saved.

Brother John Wolfram, a Wisconsin boy made good, has written his story. He starts out in Fort Atkinson in a dysfunctional family and then joins the military and makes the cut for SEAL (Navy Special Forces) training.

Much of the book covers the training and the making of a special forces underwater operative. The descriptions of the constantly wet and tired life of a trainee SEAL is colorful enough that you feel like you've gone through it with him. (And being the son of a Navy Chief who trained extensively in the martial arts and sea kayaking back when I was young and foolish, I can vouch for the accuracy of a good portion of what Bro. Wolfram writes).

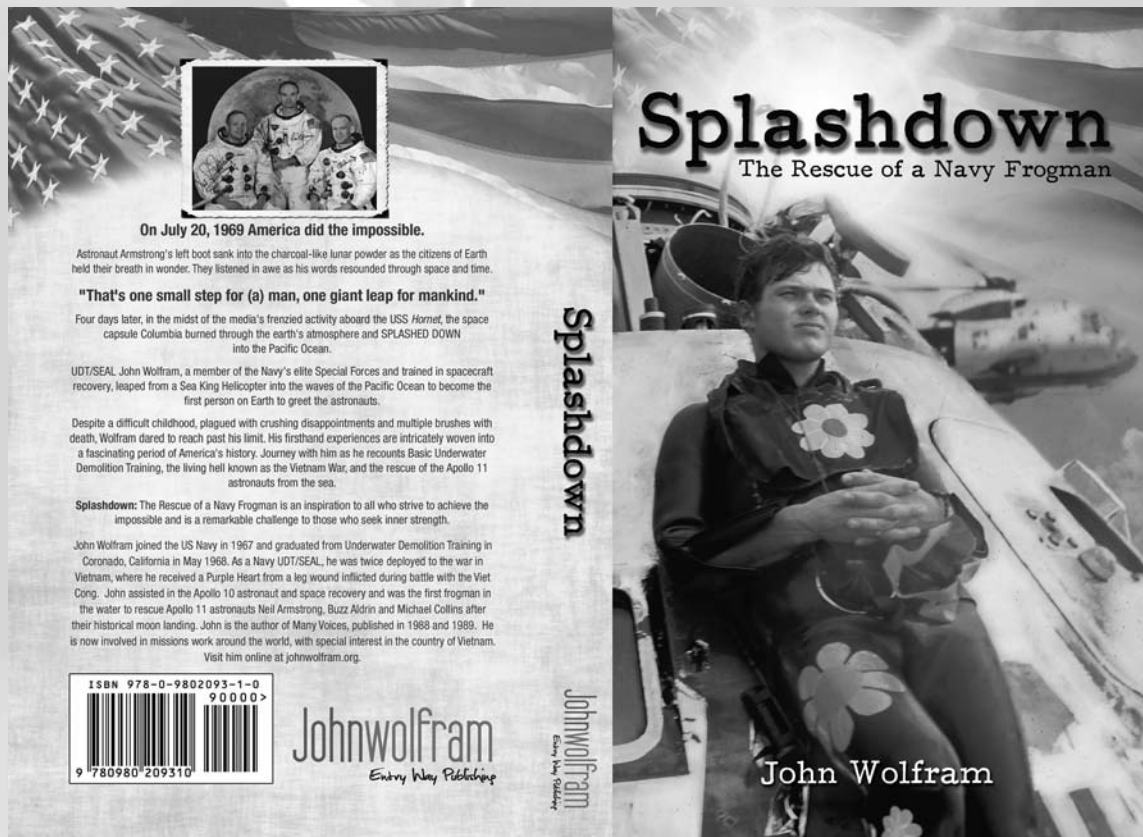
While Bro. Wolfram served two tours in Vietnam, the most fascinating, and timely, part of his story, to me, was his role in the recovery of the Apollo astronauts after their capsule landed in the ocean. This year is the fortieth anniversary of the Apollo moon landing and one of our own was there to welcome Neil, Buzz and Michael back from the heavens.

Splashdown concludes with the story of how one of America's finest fighting men was conscripted into the army of the Lord.

The subtitle of the book is "The Rescue of a Navy Frogman" and the book makes an unapologetic dive into the plan of salvation and how even the manliest of men need Jesus in their lives.

Highly recommended. I'll be buying this book for the men of the Dodgeville congregation.

Pastor Simon Chappell
WDN Editor



Why is there a Church in Antigua?

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5

Dear Saints of God,
As we see in Jeremiah God knew him before he was ever born. He even knows how many hairs we have. We have just finished Thanksgiving and I began to think about some of the people who have made me what I am today.

Why there is a Church in Antigua?

If I forget to mention your name please forgive me. I want to share this with you, so you can see that God has a plan for all of our lives. He uses many people along the way to shape us into something useful.

1. I am thankful for a Mother & Father who were Faithful to each other. To a Dad that taught me how to Pray, and even at 7 had me to work all day out in the field. He taught me to work hard and when you give someone your word you keep it, no matter what.

2. I am thankful to Bro. & Sis. Bob Meyer for all the hours of Bible study. They put up with one who could not read and would sit at their table and chew tobacco.

3. I am thankful for Pastor Richard Kielley who Baptized me and Prayed me through to the Holy Ghost.

4. I am thankful for Bro. & Sis. Keith Manley who came to Watertown to start a Church. Pastor Manley taught me that to be a true man of God it takes more then just preaching God's Word. He showed me that

whatever your hand findeth to do, do it with all your might. He would come out and help castrate pigs, pick rocks all day long. That is why my dad came into the church. To see a man of God doing things that where not so nice and just working very hard.

5. I am thankful for Bro. & Sis Gregory Caldwell who came to replace the Manleys. Pastor Caldwell was my best friend, he was like the big brother I never had. We worked, played, and prayed together. He taught me that when a mouse gets in the cookie jar, he does not become a cookie.

6. I am thankful for having the opportunity to have sat under the teaching of Pastor John W. Grant. He has been like a father to me and has helped us get through many things. It was Pastor Grant that suggested that we should consider the Caribbean. In 1997 & 1998 we went to Curacao.

7. I am thankful for Bro. & Sis. Cole Price who were over us when we came to the Caribbean. Bro. Price asked us to start a work in Antigua. So with much prayer, believing God had called us there, the work began in 1999. Bro. Price found us a place to live, and stay with us that first week. He preached our first service, and ended with if you win one soul it would be worth it all. As Bro. & Sis. Price left that day Kathy and I said if we can only win one soul we did not hear God right and need to go home.

Antigua is home to us. We sold our home & business back in 2002 to give ourselves to this work. I am thankful to all our friends and family. Not having a home to come back



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to; we have never been without a place to lay our head or food to eat. There are too many names to mention but I want you all to know how very GREATFUL we are. The work here in Antigua would not be what it is today if it was not for all our REPLACEMENTS. All of them have added so much to the work here, giving of their time and money to be here. In 2004 we were able to buy a piece of land that was covered with much rocks and trees. Our people gave themselves to help clean this land by hand. When we started building they once again gave of their money and labor so we could start to build. Then there were about 50 people in all that came in 2006 to help with the building. We got from the ground to the roof that year, because of all the money that was given and the hard work that was done by all those who came. You see for this church to be here it has taken many, many people Praying, Giving, and Helping to bring all that has been done to pass.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7-8

So let me tell you what has gone on in 2008. We finished the south side of the church, it is plastered and painted. All 13 windows have been put in. It was a real blessing not to have any more bats, rats, lizards, spiders, cockroaches, and wind and rain coming in. We got our second van for picking up our people.

The two Sunday school rooms are almost finished. The Lord blessed us with some real good used carpet. For \$400 U.S. we have carpeted almost the whole sanctuary. Now we have ladies running around and praying in their bare feet. God is so good. We also finished the ceiling in the living quarters.

We have been busy teaching Bible studies, and have some really neat stories to share with you when we see you again. So far this year 12 have been Baptized and 15 have received the Holy Ghost. Just to let you all know how great God is. We have had in all 118 Baptized and 146 filled with the Holy Ghost since July of 1999. We are starting a new Bible study at the church on Tuesday nights, trying to reach more people. I have been talking with a Pastor down here, Pastor Gordon about Baptism, he already has the Holy Ghost. I believe soon he will bear that Name which is above every Name. We are so thankful to be here working in this field that God has put us in. One day soon we will see all things as He does. We will all understand that everything we have gone through will be worth it all. We will see all those who have been changed by our lives.

So to God be the Glory for all who have had a part in this Great Work. We of Antigua are so very THANKFUL for all you have done, even when times are hard. You continue to Pray, Give, and Help us here in Antigua.

God Bless You All,

*Bro. & Sis. Smith, Benjamin
and the Saints of Antigua*



Spanish Mid-Winter Camp

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers [were] as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up [their] voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, [saying], For [he is] good; for his mercy [endureth] for ever: that [then] the house was filled with a cloud, [even] the house of the LORD; 2 Chronicles 5:13

On January 29 and 30th 2009, Wisconsin District hosted the first Spanish Mid-Winter Camp at Calvary Gospel Church in Madison. The power of God descended upon all of the services anointing the worship and preaching alike. Friday evening, Brother Bill Davis; who also spoke at the Mid-Winter Camp North, spoke about the revelations in the Word for the saints. He was not able to finish his message before the Holy Ghost outpouring took over the service. On Saturday morning the men's speaker was Brother Larry Romero, pastor of two churches, one in Denver, CO and one in the San Diego, CA area.

Brother Romero taught "Perception is greater than Reality" not believing a lie that your vision has been taken. The Spirit of the Lord moved upon the men with a sweeping reassurance of His plans for His people.

Sister Romero, the president of the National Spanish Ladies Ministries, spoke on the importance of raising up our children under the cover of the blood of Jesus in the end times. The ladies session ended with a deep burden for consecration of our families and reaching the lost.

At the final session on Saturday afternoon, Brother Romero spoke about the "Rocks Crying Out" giving examples of the testimonies through time of what actual stones could say in praise of God's mighty works. At least 10 souls were filled with the Holy Ghost. There was an anointing that fell over the service ending with an altar call bathed in the Shekina Glory of God. After the service had ended and everyone had left the building a maintenance crew arrived to clean the building and testified that in the middle of their clean-up they looked up and noticed what appeared to be smoke had filled the building they stopped what they were doing to search out the cause of the smoke and soon realized there was no fire, they returned to the main sanctuary and noticed that it appeared to be a cloud that was descending from the ceiling.

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